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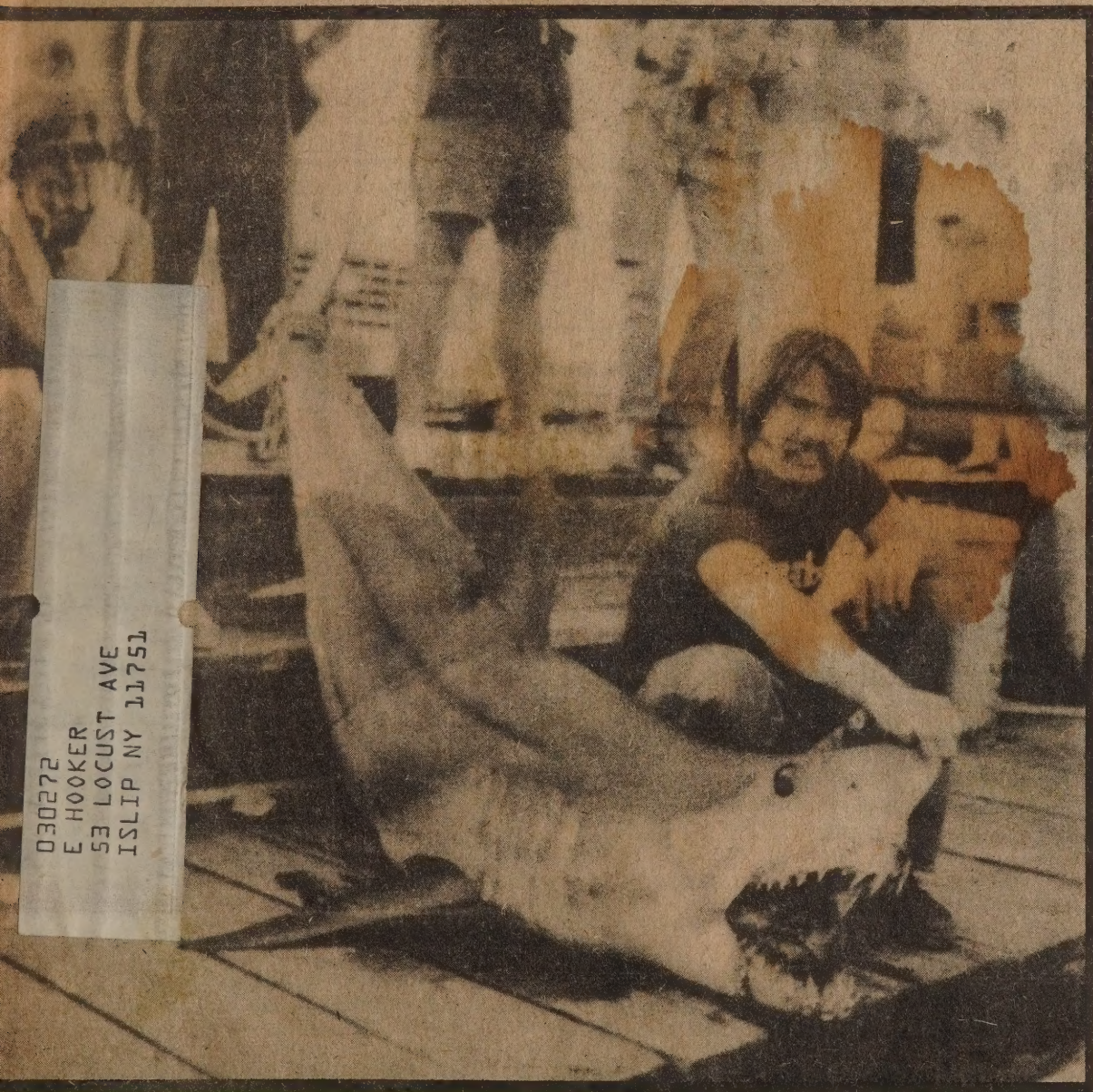

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SHARK TAG AND RELEASE

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Anyone interested in obtaining information about release pennants can contact Frank Macarro at (516) 929-4881.

We urge every fishing club or association to join with us in this program. **Montauk Captains Association**

WORDS OF ADVICE FOR SPORTFISHING COUNCIL

I just read the 6/14/79 issue of L.I.F., and this letter is specifically in reply to the letter by George Gerhold, President of the New York Sportfishing Council.

Let me begin by saying that I admire Mr. Gerhold, and for that matter, any other sportfisherman who speaks out on behalf of sportfishing, conservation, and the environment. However, I take exception to the attitude conveyed by Mr. Gerhold in the above-mentioned letter.

Specifically, the attitude was one of detachment or individualization. Instead of the bitterness with which he admonished his fellow anglers, the attention here should have been focused on this one glaring and ironic illogic: it is the **NYSC** that has adopted the responsibility for organizing sportfishermen and saving our marine resources. In other words, the only workable party to blame upon encountering such a lack of a good showing at the recent tuna hearing is the **NYSC** (That is, the only workable party for the NYSC to blame.)

Now please do not misinterpret this as an attack on the NYSC; I believe in it, and in its ideals and goals. It is simply my contention that Mr. Gerhold is (in his letter) obviously not taking **full** responsibility for the situation as it stands. If sportfishermen are apathetic, well, it is **his** chosen responsibility to effectively get them out of their doldrums and organized and into action; **not** to divorce himself of responsibility for this apathy by a scathing attack on those of whom he is a part, and who he has chosen to remove from that apathy.

Rahter than bring an attack on Mr. Gerhold or the NYSC, then, this is simply a letter of advice and support. The following are what I feel to be some valid observations and/or suggestions:

1. That Mr. Gerhold and the NYSC fully perceive that they have taken the responsibility to get sportfishermen organized and active on their own behalf, and that if they fail, there is no one for the NYSC to blame for that failure but the NYSC; that is the only workable attitude and approach.

2. I am not aware of the exact rules of membership of the NYSC; however, as I recall, broad public membership is not available. That, I feel, is a flaw. People must be allowed to participate and contribute. Therefore, I suggest that the NYSC open up that gates to broad public membership.

3. With such membership, there will be the problem of organizing. This is a delicate subject, in that the degree of organizational genius demonstrated by NYSC executives will determine the degree of success (or lack of it) they experience in their cause. Most important is havng access to a communication line to the sportfishing public. You could possibly purchase the mailing lits of L.I.F. and Saltwater Sportsman)ny area names) for starters; some envelopes, paper, and an addressing machine would get you going. Funding for these would easily be provided by annual (tax deductible) dues of $15 by the broad public membership, and larger contributions by the more well-to-do members of our fraternity.

4. You must urgently and effectively stress the importance of each issue you want your public to support you on. Witness the success of the fiery L.I.F. editorials on the bluefish matter, versus the failures of a mere mention in a column or a letter to the editor of the tuna, dragging, dumping, and gillnetting problems.

5. To further organize into a formidable force, power must be delegated on a more local basis. Every sportfisherman goes to a Bait and Tackle Shop or Sporting Goods Store sooner or later. And, economically, if the quality of fishing in our area continues to decline, it is these business that will suffer the most. Consequently, and automatically, you have a local onlet to all sportfishermen that has a vested interest in your cause. Recruit all or most of the owners of these businesses to rally behind your cause (our cause) and sell NYSC memberships to their customers. Have them get signatures on petitions printed up by the NYSC on important issues. Make each shop owner (or their chosen customer) a delegate to the NYSC and hold quarterly meetings for voting and action on issues (emergency meetings as needed; notify via mailing).

In short, the problem here is organizational—not in the apathy that the NYSC was formed to overcome. I myself would be very willing to participate in such an organized effort; I currently write many letters to legislators, tag fish, file complaints on dumping, etc., and would be more than happy to see those efforts increase a thousandfold. The ideas behind the NYSC are sound, and frankly, that organization could really be **the** answer to the problems caused by the past 350 years of rape of our marine environment and resources. We can do it. But only if we are organized effectively. Nick Balamaci, Bronx, N.Y.

IS THE CIA UP TO SOMETHING?

On several occasions, I have noticed a wide 16 or 17 ft. camouflaged boat with center console come into the Oyster Bay, Roosevelt ramp, mostly at night or early a.m. with many large striped bass and weakfish. He is usually along except for a balck labrador and I would surely like to find out his name. I'm sure one of your readers knows this man and this wide looking duck boat named the "Fish N Foul". Thanks for your help. **A Subscriber.**

FISHERMEN'S ANSWER TO ARMY SOUND DUMPING: "WE DON'T CARE"

In his May 31 editorial on toxic dredge dumping in Long Island Sound, Dr. Muller pointed out that "There are fifteen million people who border on Long Island Sound and their safety, health and recreational interests are at stake." What he failed to say was that despite six weeks of solid promotion by the New York Sportfishing Council no more than a few dozen of these millions

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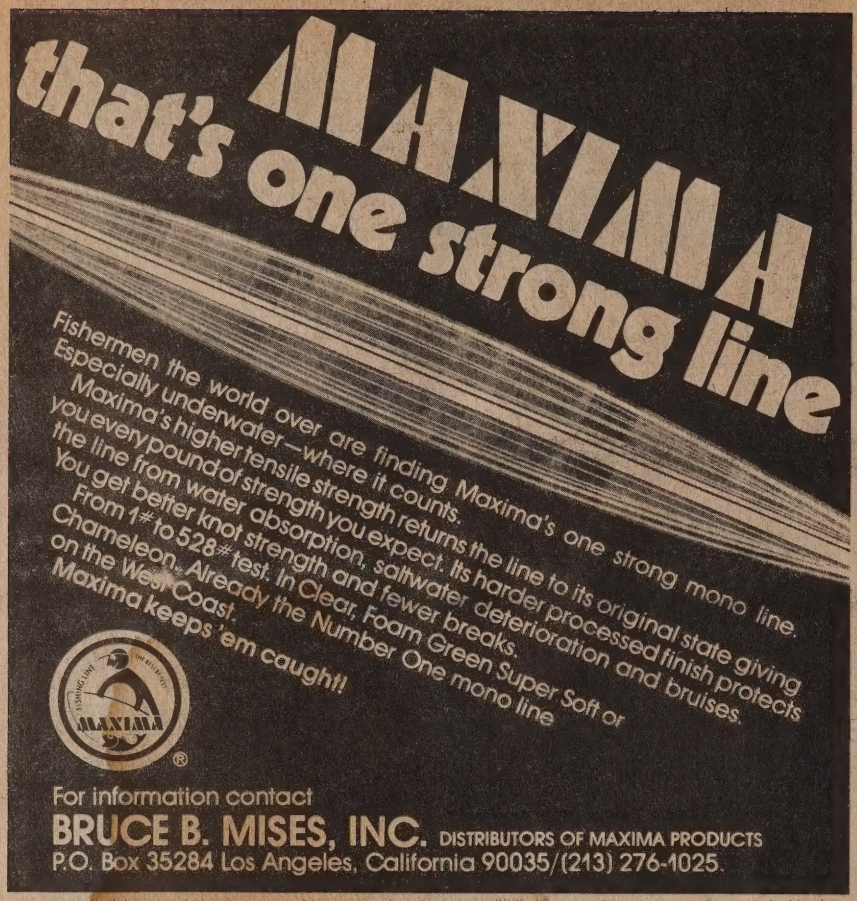
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bothered to protest at the army dredge hearing in Huntington on May 3rd.

This miserable demonstration of fisherman apathy followed the placement, by the New York Sportfishing Council, of a five column story in the **New York Post** on the dangers of dumping, a story in **Newsday** followed by a press initiated editorial and feature article, radio interviews with members of the executive board of the Council on eleven radio stations, three announcements in the **Long Island Fisherman,** announcements by sportswriters in the city dailies and announcements on local radio stations and in the local press.

As a result of the conspicuous absence of a concerned citizenry of the, the Army now assumes it has the tacit approval of Long Island's Fishermen to proceed with the dumping of the poison. Despite the fact that the New York Sportfishing Council, along with Dr. Muller and others, gave a formal presentation of the hearing and raised objections from the floor and despite the fact that the Council protested with placards in front of the building, presented the Army with a 2400 name petition, received broadcast coverage of the event and subsequently protested, with Huntington Supervisor Ken Butterfield, on a special program on cable TV, the Army knows that nobody really gives a damn. It is now perfectly clear to the Army and governmental regulatory agencies, as it is to the New York Sportfishing Council, that the fishermen of Long Island is, most of the time, only too willing to let someone else speak for him whether the issue is pollution, gillnetting, bag dragging or tuna regulations.

The New York Sportfishing Council has represented the sportfishermen's interests on all of these issues but unless the bodies are there standing up to the counted, all of the Council's efforts won't amount to a hill of beans. J.M. Kayal, Member of the Board, New York Sportfishing Council.

Pass It On...

FINAL TUNA REGULATIONS

Rober W. Hanks, Acting Regional Director of NOAA'S National Marine Fisheries Service, has announced that new regulations for Atlantic bluefin tuna became effective June 14, 1979. These regulations implement the United States' international commitment under the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) and provisions of the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975. In general, the regulations prescribe measures

which include permits, seasons, quotas, fishing gear restrictions, inspections, and reporting requirements that are deemed necessary for managing the Atlantic bluefin tuna fishery.

The final regulations amend those previously in force by: (1) decreasing the purse seine quota of school tuna from 1,000 short tons (st) to 650 st; (2) increasing the purse seine quota for giant bluefin tuna from 180 st to 300 st; (3) changing the quota unit for measure for giant bluefin tuna from numbers of fish to short tons and increasing the giant quota for the handgear fishery from 2,250 fish to 1,218 st (approximately 3,240 fish); (4) establishing a category for which charter boat operators in the handgear fishery could apply in the northern area; (5) dividing the handgear quota for giants for the northern area (1,128 st) between a charter boat and a general category based upon their historical participation in the fishery, i.e., 102 st (approximately 270 fish) for the charter boat category; (6) increasing the handgear quota of giant tuna in the soutern area from 175 fish to 90 st (approximately 270 fish); (7) prescribing different catch rates for the handgear fishery in the northern and southern areas, i.e., one fish per day per vessel in the northern area and five fish per week per vessel in the southern area; (8) requiring all dealers in Atlantic bluefin tuna to obtain licenses; and (9) allowing anglers to take more than one young school tuna (less than 14 pounds) as part of their daily catch limit.

In addition, the comment period on the vessel categories proposed in the regulations published on May 15, 1979 for the handgear fishery for giant tuna within the northern area is extended to July 2, 1979. Complete copies of the regulations can be obtained by writing to the Regional Director, 14 Elm Street, Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930 or by calling (617) 281-3600.

GOOD KNOTS IMPORTANT IN TACKLING BIG FISH

That old saw about a chain being only as strong as its weakest link points up the importance of tying a good knot when you hitch your hook, lure, or other bit of tackle to the line.

Many a fish is lost when a knot quietly slips apart or breaks at the peak of a lunker's struggle to get away. More often than not, the average fisherman blames the loss on the line itself, either thinking the line was weak or the fish too heavy for the pound test he was using. Many of the stories about the record-breaking lunker that got away rest in such misconceptions.

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If you don't happen to have a good spring scale, just tie one end of the section of line to be tested to an overhead support. Use enough line so that the bucket of sand is suspended no more than a few inches above the ground or floor—close enough that it won't upset and spill the sand when the line breaks. Tie the line to the bucket handle with the knot you want to test. Add sand to the bucket until the line breaks. Then, weigh the bucket and its contents on a reliable bathroom scale to determine the break weight.

Once the break occurs, it's easy to determine the failure point. If the line broke and the knot held, there will be a short piece of line attached to the hook from which the bucket was suspended. If the hook is bare, it's a good indication the knot failed. The end of the line will usually be slightly curled, indicating the knot pulled through or cut itself as one twist of filament rubbed against another when the knot tightened under load.

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First and third prizes caught on Dick Hoffman's "Tulagi II". First Mate—Tony Resta.

Second prize caught on Alan Di Nicola's skiff "Seducer". Alan Di Nicola is president of the Huntington Anglers' Club.

All the fish were caught at Diamond Point drifting Mr. Twisters and jelly worms. Over 50 members from both clubs participated and the weakfish were caught on Sunday morning, June 17th between 5:00 a.m. and 5:45 a.m. After 5:45 a.m. fishing died down due to the large amount of boats and heavy traffic.

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Club member Rich Jeffares set a new club record on Sunday, June 10, 1979, by landing a 377 lb. Mako Shark. Rich hooked the Mako late in the afternoon and after fighting the fish and getting it to the boat, there was not enough time to make the dead-line of the weigh-in.

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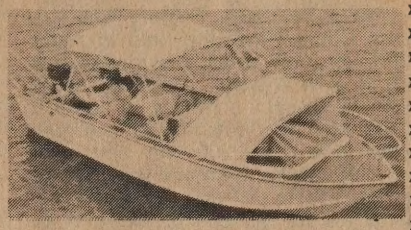

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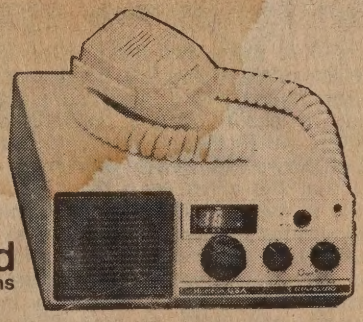

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A Disappointing Council Meeting

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council meeting held at Philadelphia, June 13-15, was disappointing in several ways. Most distressing was the Council's failure to come to grips with the question of the tuna exemption in the 200-Mile Limit Act. Further discouragement was provided by reports of "slap on the wrist" penalties for serious fisheries violations that have made enforcement almost impossible—and may well negate many of our conservation efforts as fishermen learn that "crime does, indeed, pay very well." Finally, there was the rejection of a proposal to the Congressional oversight hearings which would require the Secretary of Commerce to simply observe the law as presently written!

Perhaps most serious from the point of view of Atlantic Coast fishermen is the failure of the Council to come up with an agreement on how to proceed with the tuna exemption problem. As has been detailed in this column many times before, the exemption of tuna from the 200-Mile law was a straighforward political compromise with the West Coast tuna industry. By 1976, the 200-Mile limit was an "idea whose time had come." There were large majorities in favor in both Houses of Congress, but due to unrelenting State Department opposition, there was the possibility of a Presidential veto. A number of compromises were necessary in order to ensure that a two-thirds majority would discourage Executive use of the veto power by demonstrating that the votes were there with which to override it. Originally, the tuna exemption wasn't so narrowly constructed. At first, the exemption was for "oceanic" species—fish considered to be highly migratory in nature. Fortunately, an amendment introduced by Representative Conte (R-Ma.) was designed to specifically exempt the billfish from that definition, which was changed to "tunas."

The Conte Amendment was passed without any recorded opposition, and was of great significance in two ways. First of all, it gave us authority over the marlins, sailfish, swordfish, sharks, dolphin, wahoo, etc., within our zone. Secondly, it completely destroyed the biological basis for the tuna exemption, exposing it for what it is: a political decision. After all, you can't state as a management concept that oceanic species should be regulated strictly on an international basis—and then specify that "principle" applies only to the oceanic species you wish to catch in other people's zones, and not to those we want to catch in our own zone! I shouldn't say "you can't do that," because many supposedly responsible people, in and out of government, are doing just that, though I haven't heard a single suggestion that the law be changed to also exempt the other oceanic species—which would make their position a consistent one.

The victim in the crossfire on the tuna exemption has been the American Atlantic Coast tuna fisherman. His bluefin tuna stocks were ravaged during the Sixties by a combination of local and West Coast seiners—primarily the latter. Prior to the late Fifties, the East Coast bluefin was one of our primary sport fish—providing the bulk of the revenues for the mid-Atlantic charter fleet. Irwin Alperin recalls a survey New York made of the Freeport charter fleet in 1952—at which time (in the era of ten knot boats) they were catching more school tuna in the month of July from that one port than all the private and charter fishermen now catch on the entire coast in a year! Part of the credit for this debacle goes to the old Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, which helped get the first East Coast seiners into this "under-utilized" species. We might have been able to live with a few local seiners, but the nail was driven into the coffin when the West Coast fleet dropped in for a few years—until there wasn't enough left for them to bother with. While here, they gave us a little sample of the ill will that industry has spread across a good part of the world while violating the sovereignty of other countries and similarly destroying their near-shore fisheries.

The net result of present policy is a situation in which American tuna fishermen (commercial and sport) have been restricted to about 3,000 giant tuna during a very short season each year (to their great financial detriment), while a Japanese catch of 8,000-9,000 giants in pre-spawning condition each spring in the Gulf of Mexico has completely negated this costly conservation effort. Although we now have management control over billfish, we are not allowed to interfere with the right of the Japanese, or any other foreign country, to fish for tuna in our zone. The best we've been able to do is require them to release all other species hooked on their longlines. While this serves to discourage any longlining specifically aimed at billfish, and does save some fish—the number of fish killed is still hard to justify. According to the Southeast Foreign Fishery Observer Project (which provides some coverage of the Japanese longline fleet in both the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic) 18,620 fish were released dead in the Atlantic between March 20, 1978 and March 19, 1979—and another 5,920 in the Gulf. The mortality rate on sharks is very low, and they constitute the vast majority of the live releases. Unfortunately, billfish mortality rates are in the sixty per cent area—and even higher for swordfish. About 5,000 dead swordfish were released last year—fish which would have had a dockside value of about $2,000,000. How many of the fish released alive survive is strictly a matter of conjecture.

Realizing that we could not adequately control the billfish within our zone without having some control over the foreign tuna operations, the initial meeting of the Inter-Council Billfish Steering Committee recommended that each Council adopt a resolution requesting Congress to eliminate the tuna exemption in the law. I brought this request back to the Mid-Atlantic Council two years ago and it was acted upon favorably—and without opposition, to my recollection. That position was formally transmitted to the House Merchant Marine & Fisheries Committee at hearings last year—and is in accordance with the actions taken by most of the other councils. Yet, when Bill Feinberg (N.J.) brought up a motion at the May meeting to specifically transmit our position to the oversight hearings to be held at the end of June, there was a good deal of controversy and confusion, with the result that the issue was postponed until this meeting.

The best thing I can say about the tuna debate on June 14 is that confusion still seemed to be the order of the day. This, despite the fact that the Council now has on its staff one of the world's leading experts on the bluefin tuna: John Mason, formerly Assistant to Frank Mather (who spent the last two decades studying the bluefin at Woods Hole Lab). There was confusion about our role in ICCAT, the international organization that is supposed to be taking responsibility for the conservation of Atlantic tunas. The kindest thing to be said about that organization is that it has been a near total failure—dominated (as was the late, unlamented ICNAF) by political considerations and virtually unconcerned with conservation. Last year, the U.S. and Canada suffered a stinging defeat in ICCAT—our conservation proposals being completely swamped by the European and African countries,

some of which don't even have bluefin fisheries. The same tired arguments about international cooperation were brought up again—just as if nothing had been learned from the resource disaster that occurred under such regimes off our coast just a few years ago!

There was also the question of whether we can eliminate the exemption on bluefin tuna, without throwing the entire exemption out. Of course, bluefins are our primary concern (though there is a substantial offshore fishery for yellowfins, big-eyes, and albacore). That sort of legislation (which may be introduced by Representative Studds) would solve the problem of the Japanese fishery on giant tuna in the Gulf of Mexico, but would not effect the numbers of dead billfish killed by the longliners to any great extent. A great many school tuna now being taken by the longliners off our coast in the late fall would be cut loose (mostly dead) as that fishery is targeted at big-eyes and yellowfin—and would almost surely continue. The McCloskey bill, completely removing the tuna exemption, is the most logical approach—if it's attainable.

A Council vote on June 14 endorsed the Feinberg motion in a fairly close vote. Yet, the following morning, with several supporters absent, the motion was brought up for reconsideration. We also had the opportunity to hear from one of the West Coast tuna lobbyists, who donned a halo and told us how concerned the industry is about marine mammals (which they've slaughtered by the millions over the years) and other such fairy tales. More about that in future columns. The net result of all that frantic activity is that the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council has a standing position in favor of removing the tuna exemption (which was previously transmitted to Congress), but we're not going to remind Congress of that position on June 26.

Apparently, some Council members are not aware of the importance of the tuna fisheries to area sport and commercial interests. Perhaps communications to the New York members opposed to bringing tuna within our jurisdiction would be helpful. Letters can be addressed to Dr. John L. McHugh, Professor of Marine Resources, Marine Sciences Research Center, State University of New York, Stony Brook, N.Y. 11794, and Mr. William R. Pell, III, Pell's Fish Market, P.O. Box 341, Greenport, N.Y. 11944. Tony Taormina voted for elimination of the exemption and Nancy Goell was absent (position unknown). You can also provide your opinion on this matter to the following New York Congressmen on the House Merchant Marine & Fisheries Committee: William Carney, Norman Lent, John Murphy (Chairman) and Mario Biaggi. All can be addressed at House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515. More on the other disappointments next week.

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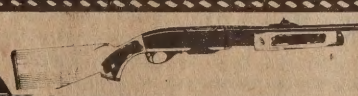

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FISH TALK
with Dr. William A. Muller

Are There Fish at Rockaway?

HELP!! I can really appreciate a recent letter from John S. Kobeck. As you'll see, John wants to catch some fish close to home. I've had limited success so far myself. Not that I haven't been where the fish have been, but rather that they have shown a marked dislike for me. First my wife stabs a 31½ pound bass right next to me on the beach and then for three nights running friends build up stringers of six to ten big weaks while I look on! John writes; "I am desperate. You must answer my letter or I will throw all of my tackle away! My problem is simple. I do all of my surf fishing off Rockaway Beach in the 113 street area. I am just starting out and for travel reasons I am confined to that beach. I don't know a darn thing about the fishing there and I don't know what fish run along the surf or at what time of the year. The L.I.F. does not ever mention that area. If you have read this so far you are very kind." Kind and impotent. Now you all see the humor in this! I can't catch a fish and he wants me to help him. Thus, although I am most willing to try, let me state from the outset that I will pass on whatever information I have, but that any success or lack of success that you have, John, because of or in spite of my advice I cannot take credit for!

ROCKAWAY OPTIONS. I haven't fished there in a good long time with any regularity, but I think I remember enough to be helpful. First of all the biggest item has to be striped bass. Big bass usually hang around the jetties in June and again in late September and October. You can fish plugs from the beach or the jetties or you can sling bait. The most popular bait is fresh bunker which may be hard to come by. As second choice is eel bait and these are available at any tackle store alive and kicking. Most of this fishing is done at night and I don't know if that fits into your plans. From time to time fluke are caught from the beach on live killies and squid strips. Weakfish sometimes raid the area as do blues but like any other surf fishing you have to be on the beach a lot in order to score from time to time. I think that the biggest problem that you will have is that you are limited to fish the area right near 113 street. Success will improve if you can be a bit more mobile up and down the beach.

JOHN CONTINUES. "Now my second problem! Although I will be able to fish Rockaway all year, the most fishing time that I'll have will be in December, January, February, and March. For God's sake is there any good surf fishing in my area during those months?" WOW! John me boy, you really do have a problem! At least when I don't catch fish it's in the period May through November. At least I'm in the ball park when they're playing the game! As much as it grieves me to tell you this, because I commiserate with your situation, I think you have two chances of catching fish in those months: SLIM AND NONE!! Actually, I think you might ferret out a short bass or two during the early part of December if you fish everyday and you might chance upon a herring or two in winter, but other than that I think you had better fish in the spring and fall.

JOHN ENDS HIS LETTER. "I think that the Fisherman should talk a little about the Rockaways. Incidentally, how do you feel about surf fishing at Rockaway?" We do and we don't spend enough time on the Rockaways. That is, we do include information when it's available and we had Ron Onorato write a few stories about it, but there is very little surf fishing going on there as compared to years gone by. This brings me to answer to your last question. How do I feel about surf fishing there? Leery, very leery. Why? Because it is a fact that night fishing just isn't very safe there anymore. My father took me there many times in the foggy distant past, but it was safe then. We heard of one fella that fishes the jetties regularly, but his approach to safety is rather unique. He begins with a car that is valueless except for the motor and the battery, which he prevents from being stolen by chaining the hood down with very heavy chain and an enormous lock. He leaves the doors and windows open so that anybody who wishes can climb in and the car is wired to prevent a "hot-wire" theft. Next, a big Doberman Pinscher is his constant companion. He deposits the dog at the base of the jetty and that dog won't let anyone get onto the rocks; that means surf fishermen and muggers alike. The rock jockey is now free to fish the tip of the rocks in safety. Me, I'm not ready for extremes like that! John, as soon as you can, get a car and fish at Jones Beach!

NATIONAL YOUTH FISHING CLUBS. The American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association recently announced that these clubs are springing up across the country and a good idea it is too! The clubs stress ethics; responsibility; safety, rules and regulations. Another purpose of the club is to teach young people how to fish. AFTMA spokesman Bob Bluth points out that when young people fish they quickly develop an appreciation for our environment and natural resources. Thus, if we spend a little time with these kids now we may reap great dividends from them as adults later. No one can argue that if more people appreciate our world better that it will make this planet a better place. The kids are taught much more than just fishing techniques. For example, in the process of teaching them how to fish, items like licensing, stock control, and fishing conduct are also brought up. The AFTMA should take a bow for starting this effort in 1978. Today there are about 125 clubs active in the United States with about 3200 registered members. Bluth suggests that adults who are interested in fishing might find the sponsorship of a youth fishing club a worthwhile experience. AFTMA provides adult leaders with manuals and other suggestions for achieving a successful club. If you're interested, write to: AFTMA Center, 2625 Clearbrook Drive, Arlington Heights, Il. 60005.

WHILE WE ARE ON THE SUBJECT! Did you know that a 1976 survey revealed that more than 75 per cent of today's fishermen started before the age of 12, or that these anglers were introduced to the sport by a friend or relative? With the summer season upon us and the snappers only a stone's throw away, we thought that some published tips from AFTMA about teaching young people to fish might be in order.

*Don't force them. Just give them time and encouragement.

*There are 20 million females that fish in the U.S., so don't ignore your daughters. They can be successful fishermen too.

*Review equipment care and maintenance. Point out that there is more to the sport than just reeling in a fish.

*Choose sensible clothing. Your child will not likely think of such things so anticipate these needs for them. Be prepared for rain, sun, cold and hot.

*Begin simply. Flounder, bluegills, sunfish, snappers, and fluke are a good way to start; marlin and sharks may be a bit much.

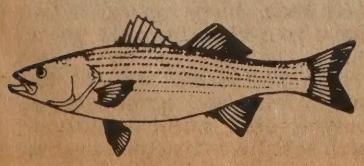
*Action is more important than size. That is, keep things going. If you can have your children catch thirty-six inch flounder as opposed to three four pound flounder do it. The concept of size and fight develops later when the child begins to develop a little maturity—usually

after ten years.

*Let them do their own fishing. Half the fun is the challenge and accomplishment.

*Take time to listen. If they can ask questions or comment about what they see you can use that moment to share important ideas, teach them important principles, and develop and encourage a more intimate and meaningful relationship.

I WANT TO CATCH KINGFISH! Peter Nabit of Islip wrote and asked: "When I was a kid, my dad would take me for kingfish. These were small fish with sucker-type mouths and a big dorsal fin. They were white and gold with dark brown vertical bands. How come I don't hear about these fish any more? Where can I catch them? When can I catch them? Or was all of this a figment of my imagination?" No, you aren't dreaming, there really is a fish known as "kingfish." Down south they call the fish a sea mullet and in other spots it's known as whiting. The species has been rather scarce the past dozen years or so although every once in awhile you hear about reports of good catches. For example, in the early seventies there were many fish taken along the south shore beaches on worm baits meant for stripers, and last year there was a decent run in the Peconics. Still, nothing consistent has developed and their number do not seem to be increasing. There is no way to account for this except to say this is probably part of the normal cycle of things and that some day the kingfish will return in numbers. They are not a very delicate fish and thus we can't blame pollution for their disappearance. If you want to give it a try, I would suggest fishing in Peconic Bay in late July and in August. The west side of Robins Island, Rose Grove, and the area between Jessups and Shelter Island are very good to try. Never drift. Anchor up in a hole and the hole should be mud covered since the kings like to suck worms and clams out of the sandy mud. Use worm baits and fish them close to the sinker. I also suggest that you use a chum pot that is weighted and filled with ground up clams. Don't be surprised if you also catch porgies and some summer-run weaks too since the chum will collect everything in the area. Kingfish also show up in the Great South Bay, Shinnecock Bay, and Moriches Bay. I'd suggest that you read the fishing reports very carefully and when you spot a report about kingfish, call the tackle store or boat livery and get the latest info. Good fishing.



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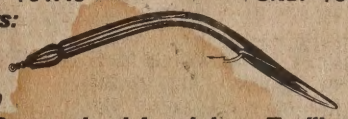

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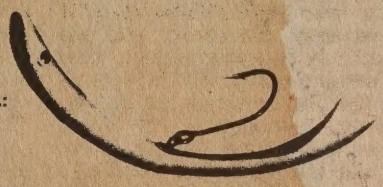

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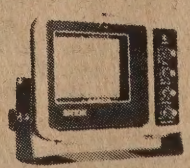

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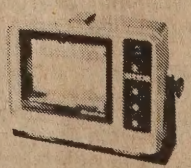

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Surf Side with Gerald Hahn

INLET TREK

Some of the best surf spots in Long Island are underfished. The Reason? Most shore-bound anglers do not own beach vehicles. Consequently, they limit their fishing to the most accessible—and crowded—places. Shinnecock Inlet is a good example of an overcrowded place, especially in the summer. Fishermen drive right to the inlet on paved roads, walk a few feet to the west jetty and throw out a line. A real pleasure. While this inlet can have its productive moments: runs of bluefish, fluke, and blacks, it is during these periods that the jetty resembles the decks of an overcrowded party boat with elbow-to-elbow fishing and tangled lines. And as often happens, only a few people in the right spots catch the most fish. By contrast, Moriches Inlet is almost vacant 15 miles to the west. It harbors the same species as Shinnecock and can be more productive. But few people bother to fish here because it is about 1½ miles from the nearest parking area.

I discovered Moriches Inlet a number of years ago while fishing with my friend Chuck in Moriches Bay. Drifting through the cuts between the inlet and the bay in our rented skiff, we noticed a few surfcasters spread out along both jetties. "Let's give it a try one day," said Chuck. On the spur of the moment the following spring, we drove over the Smith Point Bridge and parked in the lot. Without having looked at a map, however, we figured it must be 3 or 4 miles to the west jetty. Two-and-a-half hours later, dragging our gear over sand dunes and barrier beach, we reached our destination, exhausted, a 7½ mile trek. We were lucky to get a lift back. Clearly, this was not the way to fish this inlet. Later on, I discovered a more accessible entrance on the east jetty side, by driving to Westhampton Beach, turning right on Dune Road, and parking in the lot at Cupsogue Beach, about 1½ miles from the inlet. After-hours, you can park here for nothing. Since then, I have made this trip dozens of times.

Why bother? On my second trip here, an all-nighter, I noticed a flashlight blinking on-and-off to my right. At dawn, I saw an old-timer casting for blues to my left, at the ocean end of the jetty. I approached him and he began muttering, "no bluefish, lots of bait in the water, but no blues." I asked him whether he was the person with the flashlight. "Oh yes," he grunted, 'terrible fishing. I only caught one." He showed me a 15 lb. bass on top of his van, adding, "this place used to be good." The truth is, there can be unproductive times here, like anyplace else. But I have witnessed fantastic runs of bluefish here, I have seen and caught my share from 4 to 10 lbs., and stripers, as well. And hardly anyone was at the inlet.

If you are ready for the hike, prepare a light tackle box with a few reliable lures, a lot of rigs, and bank sinkers in the 3-5 oz. range. Bring along a gaff and don't forget a flashlight. Instead of carrying heavy waders over this distance, glue some felt on an old pair of shoes or buy a pair of slip-on fishermen's cleats. An ideal rod would be an 11' (or larger) surf rod with plenty of backbone, but it is possible to go with lighter 9' rods. The smallest reel to use here should be an intermediate size, surf spinner, e.g. the Garcia 306, 386, 496 or Crack Reel filled with 20 lb. test mono. Walking along the beach with my gear, it takes about 20 minutes.

The long rod is useful for heaving 2-4 oz. lures over great distances and for lifting smaller fish out of the treacherous rocks below. From about the middle of the jetty to the ocean end, it is almost impossible to climb down the slippery rocks. Water from the Atlantic comes crashing over a sandbar just south of the inlet with such force that some days you can get doused on top, 30' above sea-level. Every season, a few boat fishermen, experienced ones too, trolling for stripers or blues here, wind up with some broken ribs.

But it is precisely this turbulence that makes Moriches Inlet such a worthwhile place to fish from the jetty. Baitfish become helplessly trapped in the swirls and attract screeching gulls and terns from above and chomping bluefish from below. At dawn, even during the day, walk to this end near the signal tower and cast to the bar at around 10 o'clock as you face the west jetty. Large poppers, such as the Atom, Stan Gibbs, and Creek Chub in blue-and-white or chrome are popular. But the larger Kastmasters or Hopkins are still overall favorites and a few 2-3 oz. white leadhead bucktails tipped with pork rind will often do the trick near the bottom when other lures fail higher up.

On the whole, night fishing is best here, particularly on the tail end of the ebb. On the north side of the jetty (toward the bay) is a tidal rip where striped bass lie in waiting for outgoing baitfish. The water here, though fast, is not as difficult to work as the ocean end. Moreover, distance casting is not a prerequisite and you can climb down to the water's edge (with your cleats). A good place to fish large swimming plugs. But perhaps the best way to fish this spot is with bait: a live eel, small whole bunker, mackerel, or butterfish. Some nights, a small flounder can be deadly. Hook the eel through the lower jaw with a 4/0 baitholder on a two foot leader, 50 lb. test. Use no weights, floats, or hardware. If you insist, a black barrel swivel can connect the snelled leader to the main line with a clinch knot above and an end loop below. For dead batifish, I tie a #55 duo-lock snap 4½" above the hook with a dropper loop. As with Montauk party boat rigs (for blues), the snap goes through the eyes of the bait and the hook near the tail. This will keep the bait secure and straight. Use the same type leader for blues rather than wire and maybe, go to a 6/0 to 8/0 O'Shaugnessy.

After casting to the middle of the rip, the bait will swing immediately to the left unless it is a stubborn eel determined to go elsewhere. As it reaches the end of its drift, the bait will seem to be almost on shore. At this point, most fishermen will reel in and cast again. Don't do it! Leave it there because the dropoff is deep and big fish lurk along this line. Remember, the bait is not motionless; it is bobbing and twisting in the current and probably resembles a stunned, helpless fish more than when it is drifting. If, after awhile, nothing happens, then reel in and repeat.

Depending on tides and my schedule, I like to divide my time between going for predators at night and dawn, followed by bottom fishing in the morning, but always keeping an eye open for possible activity on top. On a summer night, I try to catch the last two hours of the outgoing tide at the rip for bass. By dawn, I am fishing the beginning of the flood at the ocean end for blues. After that, I settle down about 50 feet to the left of the rip. June is probably the best month to fish here not only for predators but also for the variety of fish on the bottom: blacks and sea bass, even a few porgies and the beginning of the fluke migration. The inlet becomes a revolving door for all these species and I, hopefully, the doorman greeting them.

Because of frequent snags, a single hook rig should be used for all bottom fishing. Tie a 2' leader of 30 lb. test to the main line with a barrel swivel using improved clinch knots. An end loop on the bottom will hold the 3-5 oz. sinker. A 2/0 baitholder on an 18" snelled leader is good for fluke, a single #4-6 Virginia on a 12" snell, also 30 lb. test, will take blacks or sea bass, and a # baitholder on a 12" snell, 20 lb., for porgies. Using dropper loops, tie the fluke rig about a foot above the sinker; about 6" to 8" for the others. Do not try to combine rigs here.

As for bait, worms or frozen sand eels do not hold up too long in such water. A 3" pennant-shaped strip of squid or fresh strip bait is best for fluke; skimmers or fiddlers for the other species. On a calm day, you can

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Sinker Bouncing

with Matt Ahern

PORGY FISHING

Our porgy is a handsome fish and when first taken from the water presents a beautiful picture, its coat of mail a myriad of color as it dangles from the hook in the bright sunshine. Although smaller on the average than other members of its family, such as the red snapper and sheepshead of southern waters, these willing biters are endowed with the same fighting qualities in proportion to size. And this is what endears them to fishermen. A porgy just will not give up. Considered a migratory species, porgies leave their winter feeding grounds on the Continental Shelf sometime in April and arrive a month later in the coastal waters of Long Island and New Jersey. As these waters warm with the rapid approach of summer, the fish spread throughout lower New England where they are known by their American Indian name of scup, or scuppang and are eagerly sought by multitudes of anglers. Untold numbers are caught. Long Island and New Jersey fishermen are fortunate in having the ideal conditions sought by porgies. Bays, inlets, deep-water creeks, canals, all offer choice feeding areas. But most famous of all are the Peconics. It is here fishermen take advantage of the easy availability of enormous schools of spawn-laden porgies which arrive shortly before the weakfish.

Porgy fishing has improved greatly these past few years, coming back from the doldrums that persisted for five or six years in a row. Last summer, it mattered not where one fished in local waters. They were back in their old haunts. Shore-bound anglers fishing from piers, jetties, and beaches caught porgies until arm-weary. Hundreds of porgies lingered daily around these areas and many good-sized porgies were caught throughout July and August, and into early September.

Whether you seek porgies from a boat or from shore, each has its specialized methods. What applies to boat fishing does not necessarily apply to shore fishing.

For instance—when boat fishing, it isn't necessary to cast. Particularly is this so when aboard party and charter boats. It is the skippers' responsibility to find the fish—and find them they will. No one beats these professionals at the game. Though the porgies feeding area may change from day to day as sometimes happens, these excellent fishermen know exactly where the fish are at all times.

These locations may be sunken wrecks, rock-littered bottoms, or mussel beds, but it matters not, professional skippers know exactly where to drop their anchor. They will put you over the fish; therefore when fishing such places, it is to your advantage not to cast away from your fellow passengers. Straight down alongside the boat is where you should be fishing.

The same applies when fishing aboard private craft or rental skiffs. Of course, this time it is up to you to find the fish, but this is no great problem. An up-to-date chart of the planned fishing area is as important as the correct bait in this respect. The chart should be carefully inspected and note taken of those areas marked "wreck" or "rock." That's all that's necessary. Drift around those areas until you either pick up a fish or your terminal tackle becomes snagged. When either happens, lower your anchor immediately and begin fishing. You should get action at once.

Porgies are spooky; therefore, no foot-stomping or tackle box dragging along floorboards or deck should be tolerated. Once the fish quit biting, no amount of coaxing on your part will induce them to return. The quiet, cautious porgy fisherman is the successful porgy fisherman.

Shore fishing, however, is a different matter. Unless deep water is immediately available as when jetty or pier fishing, you will have to experiment by walking and casting along the shore front until you find fish. Of all the methods used to locate porgies, this is least productive. Nomad fishing also means you must be able to make long casts into the deepest water. Porgies are rarely caught in water less than ten feet at low tide.

When shore fishing those areas requiring long casts, be advised that unless you are an old hand at the game, using conventional tackle leads to madness. Be on the safe side and use a spinning out fit. These rarely cause trouble when casting and this is one of its greatest advantages.

Fill your reel with at least 150 yards of good quality ten pound test monofilament when fishing sheltered waters. For ocean fishing it is best to use 20 pound test. And I'll tell you right now that because porgies are caught most frequently over rough, obstruction-littered bottoms, the mortality rate on terminal tackle can be quite high. Be sure to pack extra sinkers and hooks. When party boat fishing, this is no great problem as they can be purchased on board, but when you are on your own, the lack of replacements may well spoil your day. A word to the wise in this instance is certainly sufficient.

Bank style sinkers are preferred. Using these tear-drop shaped weights will save you much annoyance and terminal gear as they slide past many obstructions which would orginarily snag flat-sided sinkers. I can't tell you the exact weights necessary as these cannot only change from day to day, but hour to hour. But if you pack a few two to four ounce sinkers in your tackle bag for fishing inside protected waters, you should get by.

For ocean fishing, or such large areas as Long Island Sound, sinkers will usually range from six to eight ounces—rarely more. Remember, too, that the lighter the line—within reason—the less weight will be needed to hold bottom.

Knowing how to rig for porgies can make or break your day.

There are two types of rigs used by experienced porgy fishermen, each depending upon where the fishing is done. When fishing around wrecks and other obstructed bottom, it's best to use the high-low rig. This is simply one hook of the appropriate size tied into the main line a snell's length above the sinker, the other tied in far enough above to clear the lower hook without tangling.

When fishing areas containing little hook-snagging obstructions, such as mussel beds and hard-packed sand, it is best to use a tandem-tied rig. To do this is simplicity itself, but it is surprising how many fishermen don't know how to go about it.

You will have no trouble if you tandem tie this way: fold the snell of one hook at its middle and place this fold through the knotted loop of the second hook. Take this second hook and run it through the fold of the first and draw up snug. Secure with a common overhand knot. It takes but seconds to accomplish, but many fishermen become overconfident. They manage it easily enough on their first attempt and then completely forget how the next time around. Practice it a few times and it will become second nature. Don't forget to complete with the overhand knot. If you fail to do this last step, one hook will slide down the snell of the other.

Place the completed rig on your main line about two inches above your sinker by forming a one inch loop made with a double-overhand knot. Hardware such as three-way swivels and the like are not necessary for porgy fishing, and don't let anyone tell you differently. Remember the cardinal rule of the bottom fisherman: the less hardware, the better.

We come now to bait.

Porgy fishermen are fortunate in that they have a fair selection from which to choose. I'll name them in the order in which I've found them most appealing to porgies: sandworm, skimmer clam, preferably right out of the shell; bloodworm; hard clam (chowders); soft clam (steamers); squid) pieces of fish such as sea robin and cut spearing. Needless to say, all these baits should be

fresh as possible.

For fishing sheltered waters, you will find sandworm is best. For ocean fishing, nothing will beat a succulent slice of skimmer clam. Squid is good—sometimes. I say that because there are days when squid will not produce at all, and days when it works fine. But worm and clam bait can always be depended upon to produce porgies. The use of fish bait is iffy at best, although I've had occasional days when small pieces of sea robin worked wonders.

Sand and bloodworm should be cut into inch-and-a-half pieces and put on so at least a quarter inch trails enticingly in the current. Don't worry about the hook point showing. Porgies never notice and it helps insure instant hooking.

The same applies when using skimmer or any of the other clams. Use those inch-and-a-half pieces and catch fish. Use smaller pieces and watch the other guys catch the larger fish. If you prepare your own clam bait, always make sure to cut it into narrow, thin slices; especially is this important when using hard clam. Skimmer and soft clam have a supple texture and are easily mouthed, but thick slices of hard clam will cause you to lose many fish. Always cut clam the long way—never across. And make sure some of the soft stomach remains with each slice.

But there is more to porgy fishing than just hitting bottom and reeling in the fish. Some thought must be given to the hook. There are fishermen who fail to realize that it is that ten cent hook that catches the fish. Everything else fishermen use are but aids to get that thin, tempered bit of steel inside the fish's mouth.

Because porgies are agile and cunning, they are difficult to hook. A sense of timing must be developed. The timing you'll have to acquire from experience; there isn't much I can help you with on that except to tell you not to wait for a bite. When a porgy bite is felt, nine out of ten times the bait is gone before you can react. Instead, keep your eye glued to the rod tip and when it dips ever so slightly hook your fish—. If you develop this method to suit your sense of timing, your porgy-hooking problems will be greatly reduced.

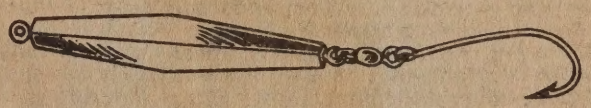
I may not be able to help much on timing, but I can certainly tell you the correct hook to use.

After more than fifty years of chasing porgies, I don't think I've used a better hook-style than the Sproat. Size depends upon where the fishing is being done. When fishing Peconic Bays, and similar areas, in mid-May, you'll find a 1/0 best. These fish may reach two pounds and better and you'll find this hook just right. For average bay porgies, a number four will seldom miss.

After spawning, sea porgies do not tarry long in sheltered waters. By late June these large fish are found in the deeper ocean waters. Here they take up summer housekeeping on the wrecks and obstructed bottoms that dot offshore grounds. Sea porgies can be husky, indeed, and it is best to use nothing smaller than 2/0 or 3/0 Sproats.

Most of this ocean porgy fishing is done from rugged party boats and the water is deep. Therefore, forget spinning tackle. Heavy sinkers are necessary and when you add the weight of the fish, it is easy to see that spinning gear is out of place. Those fishermen who insist have only themselves to blame when they run into difficulty.

Whether you take advantage of the good porgy fishing offered in sheltered areas, or on the open ocean, your chances of catching porgies are excellent. Untold numbers of dedicated fishermen take advantage of this enjoyable fishing and go out and do exactly that. How about you?



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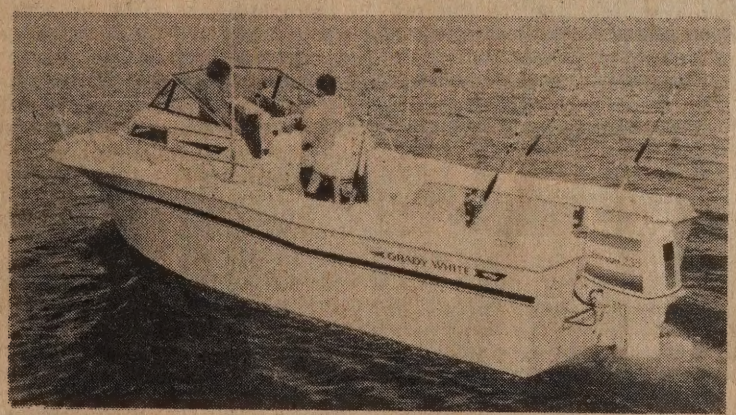

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Trailering Your Boat

by Jeff Whitaker

The August full moon hit Montauk with force. On Monday night, only a few sharpies drifted off the point with live eels, hoping to snare a stray bass whose hunger was aroused by some mysterious capacity of the full moon. After all, the spring run was poor and August was traditionally a month of inactivity, the summer doldrums for bass fishermen. But, unpredictable as they are, the bass showed in fantastic numbers. Catches of up to one thousand pounds per boat were reported. The word soon spread, and by the end of the week a vast armada of trailered boats converged on Montauk, just in time to cash in on the action. Owners of moored boats, without trailers, gnashed their teeth in frustration because their lack of mobility prevented them from getting in on the best bass run of the decade.

This is just one example of the advantages trailer boaters have over other fishermen. Whether the action is at the Peconics (tiderunner weaks in the spring), the Race (monster blues), or the south shore beaches (big bass on bunkers), a trailer can give you the freedom you need to be there. Liberty has a price, though, and more fishing trips have been abbreviated due to trailer breakdowns than almost anything else. How many times have you passed a hapless fisherman on the road, looking dejected, with a flat trailer and no spare, or rusted out ball bearings? Fortunately, with a little planning ahead and some common sense, you can avoid most problems. One man trailering is even possible for those who have the routine down pat.

There are basically three types of trailers on the market, the regular tilt bed trailer, the float-on trailer, and the relatively new E-Z loader type trailers. Far and away the best choice is the E-Z loader trailer. These trailers don't tilt, instead, they have rollers mounted on pivoting carriages. The main advantage is that the carriages center the boat automatically, eliminating the need for someone to wade out. E-Z loaders cost about ten per cent more than regular tilt beds. But for one man trailering or trailering in cold weather, they are the only way to go.

The third trailer option, and perhaps the cheapest, is the Float-on type. These trailers have no pivots, and rely entirely on being submerged enough for the boat to float off. The obvious disadvantage to this is corrosion, since almost the entire trailer has to be dunked. This also necessitates one or more persons wading in to steady the boat. Although they are perfectly adequate for those who use their trailers only two or three times a year, the Float-ons become cumbersome to the trailer fisherman.

Corrosion is the trailer boater's worst enemy, especially in saltwater. Galvanized trailers are the best choice. Ungalvanized, painted trailers should be avoided since they have to be scraped and painted at least twice yearly.

The size trailer you chose should be adequate for the total weight of the boat (motor, gear, etc., included). If you're within one hundred pounds of the maximum weight, get the next larger size. The tongue weight (force exerted on the trailer ball) should not be more than ten per cent of the total trailer weight. A bathroom scale can be used to measure this force mounted on a box so that the tongue rests on it. Not enough tongue weight may cause the trailer to fishtail, while too much will make it hard to maneuver. One word on trailer brakes, they are required for over three thousand pounds gross weight in New York State, but they are a good idea for any boat over two thousand pounds that is going to be trailered for a long distance.

Careless maintenance of the trailer is perhaps the number one causer of scrapped fishing trips. Even a small thing, like corroded wheel bearings, can put you out of commission. On the other hand, if you pay attention to details, not only will you cut down the odds of a breakdown, but you speed up the whole process of launching and retrieving. That all adds up to more fishing time.

All moving parts on the trailer should be lubricated at least once a year, with either silicone lube spray (WD-40) or waterproof anti-corrosion grease. The wheel bearings especially, must be packed with grease at least twice a year. Don't forget the rollers either, they must be greased about once a month (for heavier boats) and less for lighter ones. I can remember one instance where it took five people to coax our 20' boat to slide off stiff rollers. Turn and stop lights are required by law on trailers. It's a good idea to put vaseline on the base and socket of the bulbs to prevent corrosion (if possible, get the sealed ones). The contacts should also be cleaned several times a year.

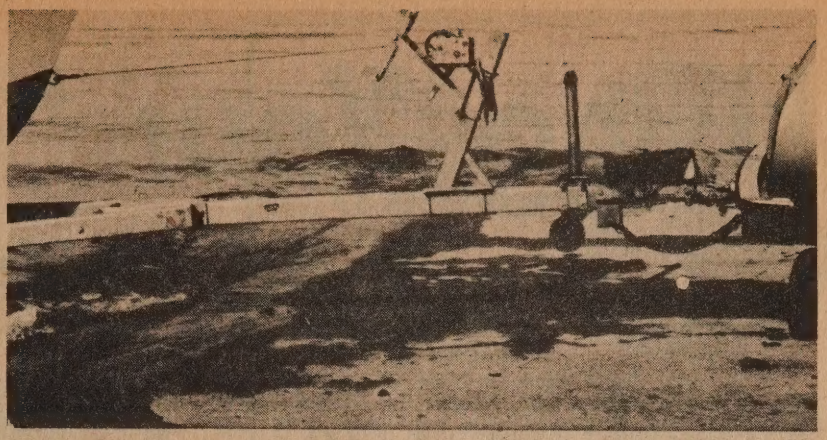
Once you've taken care of the ever-important "little" things and are ready to hit the road, you'd better first check out the "tug" or tow vehicle. The Society of Automotive Engineers recommends that the car must weigh more than the gross weight of the trailer. They also recommend the engine horsepower be not less than one-tenth of the trailer weight. You'll welcome that extra juice under the hood the next time you're negotiating a steep, slippery ramp at low tide. For heavier boats (over 2,500 lbs.) heavy duty air shocks are desirable to level the car with the trailer. Certain items should be carried in the car just in case. They include: a jack that will go under the trailer, a repair kit, a tube of grease and a can of silicone spray, replacement bulbs for the trailer lights, extra wheel bearings and an outside rear view mirror (you need one on both sides since the back window is totally obstructed). It's also wise to carry a spare tire for the trailer if its wheels aren't near enough to the size of the car's. While on the subject of trailer wheels, you should remember that the tire pressure exceeds that of a car, since they usually are smaller and run hotter.

Learning to handle a car with a trailer takes some getting used to. The most important things to keep in mind are: trailers require more braking distance and more clearance must be allowed for turns, passing and stopping. You can actually feel the forces of the trailer on the car as you pass over bumps on the road. The natural reaction is to try and correct the sway by steering the car, which doesn't help, it only makes the sway worse. Be sensitive to the feel of the trailer, but don't overreact. Backing the trailer is more difficult since the trailer is unstable and tends to swing. Just remember to back slowly and turn the wheel in the opposite direction you want the trailer to go.

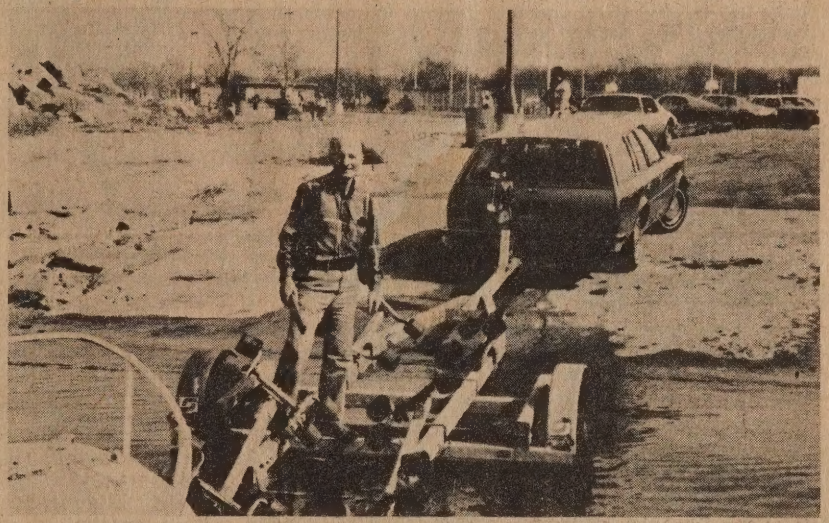
Once you have arrived at your destination and are anxious to get at the hordes of fish waiting just over the horizon, walk down the ramp and check out the situation (unfamiliar ramps should be visited beforehand, since some are high and dry at low tide). Be sure the motor is tilted up. Beware of algae or other slimy growths on the ramp. There is nothing like the sinking feeling you get when you turn around to see your whole rig sliding into the harbor. It is usually not necessary to submerge the boat deeper than the wheel hubs, unless you have a Float-on. But, if you insist on doing it, be careful to wait until the hubs have cooled or else water will seep through the seals and corrode the wheel bearings. Once you're ready to do the actual launching, release the tilt lock (on tilt trailers). You can release the boat without the winch by unhooking the cable and pushing it off by hand (hold onto a bow-line, of course!) If you elect to leave the cable on (you'll have to bring it to the end of the trailer to retrieve the boat, anyway) don't forget to remove the winch handle. That handle can become a lethal weapon spinning at high speed. Also, apply some pressure to the cable on the winch to prevent backlash. You can use a small piece of wood as a brake, if the winch doesn't have one. If you hare launching your boat alone, you can use the old rubber welcome mat to beach your boat on the ramp while you park the car. In addition to saving the bottom of the boat, it supplies friction to prevent it from drifting away.

Upon returning to the ramp (with bulging fish boxes, hopefully) you can assign someone to wade out and steady the boat while you crank it in. Here's where E-z loaders have the self-centering advantage. For boats over 18' long, it's convenient to have a power winch, unless you don't mind a few aching biceps. In preparation for the road, tie a rope to the boat and the winch-post as a safeguard in case the cable breaks on the highway. Granted, it will probably never happen, but it only takes a minute, so why not be sure? Secure everything on the boat, take all canvas covers down (fatigue from flapping in the wind will wear them out) and lock the motor tilted up.

Trailering your boat has obvious advantages, and if everything goes off smoothly you can enjoy big fish catches and lots of fun. Almost limitless possibilities present themselves with your new-found mobility, such as exploring previously inaccessible places by boat. But there is that occasion when things don't go off smoothly, and a catastrophe results. It's possible to laugh at them now, but I'm sure the fisherman whose whole car, boat and trailer disappeared into the briny deep of Cold Spring Harbor, wasn't in such a jovial mood. Neither was the scuba diver who had to dive in and hook up a towing cable. Then there was the fisherman who, for some mysterious reason, decided to detach the trailer from his car and wheel it down the ramp by hand. The fisherman, unfortunately, could not check the laws of gravity and his boat and trailer too, wound up out to sea. Another diver donned his wet suit. But fortunately, such occurrences are rare and if you're careful and courteous at the launching ramps, all should go well.



A properly rigged trailer tongue with safety chains crossed, latch down and tongue jacked up. The black box is the surge brake, a must for large boats.



The pivoting rollers on this type of trailer make it self centering, and no slogging about in the frigid waters is necessary.

With the self centering trailer you can even launch and retrieve the boat alone. Notice the bored fisherman on the dock whose only job is to keep the boat clear of the floating dock.

Using Your "Head"

by Bill Mahler

It is once again time to head for the offshore grounds of the Hudson Canyon with its unlimited tuna and billfish opportunities. Now is also the time to start "using your head"—Kona heads, that is.

If you want to improve your catch this year, the Kona Head may be just what you are looking for. This trolling lure is one of the hottest lures to hit the Canyon area in years. Trolling seven miles offshore can be a long day; it can seem like forever if you're not catching fish. One way to turn this around is to fish with artificials. The captain and crew of the Sportfisherman "Reel Ezy" have enjoyed great success fishing these artificials for the past three years.

Tuna and marlin rarely turn the lures down. Multiple hook-ups of tuna are commonplace. The Canyon area is a large area to fish, and finding those fish often takes time, but once you locate a school of yellowfin or big eye tuna, your chance of a hook-up with these lures is very high.

To fish these lures effectively, the Reel Ezy believes the more the merrier. We fish between 8-10 Konas at one time. If we had rod holders for 10 more sticks, we would put 10 more Konas in the water. There can be no "halfway" with these artificials. They are not effective unless fished as a unit. One, two or three Konas fished with cedar jigs or feathers will not produce the same effect or results as will six or eight of the heads fished as a unit. The action of these lures is fantastic. They will dart, jump, dive, send a shower of spray and a trail of bubbles for forty to fifty feet. The Reel Ezy fishes the heads in one of two general patterns—the A and the W (see diagram).

Tuna are not as choosy as are the white marlin. The tuna will come up and pick off the first Kona he sees. If he misses the head, the next one in his path will be acceptable. On the other hand, white marlin will come in behind the heads and dart from one to another before making up his mind, but once he turns on his feeding colors, he will hit the closest head to him. If he misses his target, he will usually come back and strike the same head again and again without charging to another. We have had marlin come up behind the boat and bypass everything to crash one head. The long fin or true albacore eat these lures as if they were candy. Even the large schools of bluefish that invaded the Canyon area last season could not bypass the Kona. At a trolling speed of 1400 to 1500 RPM, the bluefish would readily attack the heads, and not one, but usually three to eight sticks would go off. Fourteen to fifteen hundred RPM might sound like a fish tale to some anglers who are used to trolling rigged baits at a much slower speed, but take my word for it, these lures can't be trolled too fast, within reason, that is. We have had many knockdowns while trolling at 1700 RPM. The long fin albacore prefer this speed as opposed to 1400 RPM for the yellowfin or big eye. Marlin seem to like the slower speeds of between 1100 to 1200 RPM.

Now that I've talked about the fish you will catch and the speeds involved in this fishing, let's talk about the lure itself. The Kona Head, developed in Hawaii has been a proven fish catcher in the Islands for years. Its exposure to the East Coast has been slow in developing. Now that we have hit on the formula of how to troll this lure, it's only a matter of how many types of fish will be taken with it. The Kona Head lure can be purchased ready to fish or as components. Fenwick-Boone and other lure manufacturers sell these lures rigged and ready to fish. One word of caution on these pre-packaged lures—some will come with the Siwash type hook. While this hook is fantastic for hooking and

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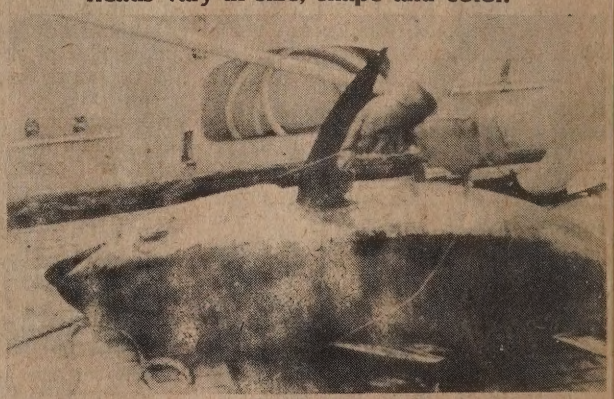
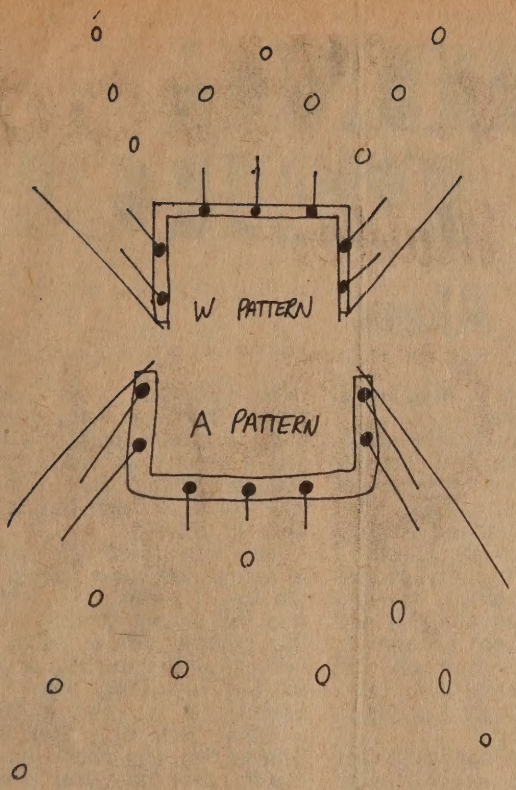


Both tuna and marlin find these lures equally appealing.



catching marlin, it is not the best choice for tuna. If honed to a needle point, it will penetrate even the white marlin's hard bill, but on tuna of 150 lbs. or more, this type of hook will not hold up. No one I know likes losing a fish because the hook straightened. The Reel Ezy lost a tournament last season when an estimated 250 lb. yellowfin was lost at the boat because of hook failure; enough said! The heads come in different sizes, shapes and colors. The size and shape of the lure makes each head work differently. Some will run underwater and only dart to the surface occasionally; others will stay on the surface, diving now and then, jumping and running from side to side. They all catch fish.

The heads that showed up last year, the true Hawaiian heads, were sold at Augie's Bait and Tackle store in Babylon. The only other tackle store to the best of my knowledge, having these heads in stock this year is J&R Sports in Oakdale. When purchasing these Hawaiian heads, you have a greater choice of color combinations and size. Either shop will be happy to rig to your wishes.

The plastic beads and plastic skirts also come in a large variety of colors. The skirts are available in sizes up to 16'' in length. The leader material will generally be braided cable, yet some anglers have gone to mono in the 150 to 200 lb. test. Either way, 15' is the standard length.

Purchase of the pre-packaged lures will cost you from $15 to $30 each. Purchased, the components, may cut that cost some. The Hawaiian heads will vary in price. The least expensive was $2 and the most I've paid for one was $23. Last season, the average head was around $12. Rigging materials, thankfully, are less expensive. Beads will run one to two cents each with skirts going for $1, $5, or $6, depending on size. Wire of heavy mono can be bought in bulk to cut cost. Hooks may also be bought in quantity to defray cost.

The average angler I know will usually try anything once. In this type of fishing once is not enough. Six or more is what I would recommend.

The cost of fishing is going up everyday, and a successful angler wants to spend his dollars wisely. Although the price of Kona heads are high, the rewards are well worth the investment.

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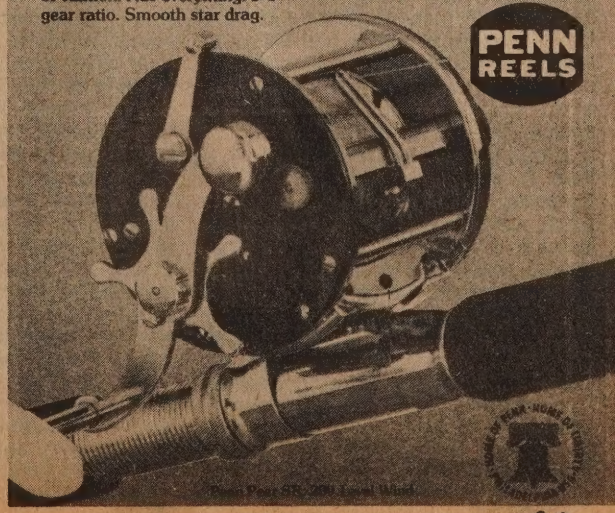


CATCHING YELLOW PERCH

by Matt Ahern

No, I'm not about to change my spots. No matter how enjoyable freshwater fishing can be—and it certainly can be that—it will never cause me to give up the briny. But I have done quite a bit of freshwater fishing over the years and it holds a warm spot in my fishing heart.

Like every other fisherman who puts in the time and effort, I have caught my share of small and largemouth black bass, pickerel, a few brook trout, and one lake trout (and I wouldn't for a minute decry the glorious sport to be had with these fish), but for all-around action, the sink-the-boat-with-fish type of action, nothing beats panfishing—long called, and with good reason, America's favorite fishing. And I guess it it.

While we saltwater fishermen along the East, Gulf, and Pacific coasts number in the millions, those who follow the lure of streams, rivers, lakes and ponds, are counted in the tens of millions. You will hear few complaints as to the quality of the fishing, except from areas where mismanagement has allowed the fish to become stunted from over-population.

There can be no doubt the majority of these anglers seek panfish, so called because they are just that: pan-sized, averaging about three to the pound. However, I've caught many a two pound bullhead and pound and a half perch—both white and yellow. Lakes and ponds throughout New York, New Jersey, and New England can be counted upon to contain black, yellow, and brown bullheads (catfish), common sunfish, bluegill sunfish, black and white crappies, rock bass, and of course, yellow and white perch.

Some species predominate in a lake or pond: yellow perch, for instances, to the exclusion of white perch. Lake Mahopac in New York's Putnam County is one spot that comes instantly to mind. I have never caught a white perch in this lake, but you will get arm-weary catching the beautiful yellow, striped variety. Incidentally, white perch are members of the saltwater basses, such as the striper and sea bass, while the yellow perch is a true perch. As we saltwater fishermen know, white perch are caught in salt and brackish water, but yellow perch, so far as I know, have never been caught in the sea.

There isn't a State in the continental United States that doesn't harbor one or more varieties of panfish in its waters. New York State anglers are indeed fortunate—they have them all. I believe that if a panfish popularity contest were to be held tomorrow, it would be a toss-up between bluegills and yellow perch. Both are so easy to catch, it often borders on the ridiculous. The problem when panfishing in good lakes and ponds is knowing when to stop.

My favorite of all panfish is the yellow perch. Not because it is such a willing biter—all panfish seem to be; but there is something about the fish that appeals to me. Certain, it is a handsome creature. Its racy body, yellowish sides and jet black bars, orange-red fins and beautifully-proportioned tail, make it most attractive in any fisherman's eyes.

Its average size is not large. The largest recorded weighed four-and-a-half pounds, which was taken in 1865 in the Delaware River by a Dr. C.C. Abbott. The fact that this record had stood the test of time for over one hundred years is its own mute testimony to this. Some lakes do hold yellow perch in the two and three pound class. Lake Ronkonkoma here on Long Island is said to contain such large fish; perhaps so, but I have never seen one this size taken from here. In fact, in all my wanderings, I don't recall ever seeing one over two pounds in any lake I've fished.

At one time when I was in basic training in the New Mexican desert during World War II, I did some freshwater fishing in Elephant Butte Lake south of Albuquerque. I caught many ten and twelve pound largemouth black bass plug casting from shore, and I caught washtubs full of two and three pound rainbow trout on salmon eggs in the Rio Grande and Pecos River (they were as thick as bergalls—I kid you not), but what few yellow perch I caught were no larger than those caught back home.

So, so much for outsized yellow perch. Get a twelve-incher and you've got a good one.

The key to enjoying the best sport with these scrappy fish is to use a light spinning rod and matching reel filled with four to six pound test mono. There are many ways to rig and the most popular method is to use a bobber as one might when snapper fishing. But if you want your share of these fish, don't you dare rig this way!

Here's the reason for that. Except in spring and when fishing through the ice in winter, you will always find the largest concentrations and the biggest yellow perch in the deepest part of the lake or pond, up to and including the fifty foot depths. To rig with a bobber in summer will only get you the smaller fish near shore, and to fish like this over those deep areas is the height of foolishness. What you've got to do is get down to the fish. Here's how to do it.

With a number ten snap swivel tied at the end of your line with an Improved Clinch Knot, put on a quarter-ounce dipsey sinker. There are those little bell-shaped weights with the brass eye. This is all the lead you need in a pond or lake. Now, about 20 inches above the sinker, form a two-inch loop, made with a double-overhand knot. Take a plain, unsnelled, regular-shanked number six Sproat hook and feed the loop through the hook eye and bring the end over the hook and snub tightly against the shank.

Put on a one-inch piece of night crawler, or common garden worm, and lower it to the bottom. If you don't catch yellow perch, or other panfish, with this simple little rig, I'll take up golf. It never fails. This is my own innovation and I've never seen it in use by anyone else, but you are welcome to it.

You'll find yellow perch are the roamers of the lake. Here today, gone tomorrow. Sometimes they will quit biting after a half-hour of hectic fishing. Don't fret. There are plenty more close by. Move away from the area and anchor over a weed bed. There you will find more. Always.

If you wish, you can troll, or if the day is windy, drift, using a light colored, double-bladed spinner, a #2 Carlisle hook and a bit of night crawler until another school is located. You won't have to troll far before you get action. Don't be surprised should you nail a pickerel with this method. These fish will hit anything that moves. Watch those

wicked teeth when unhooking.

Live freshwater minnows are great perch bait, too. If you intend using them, modify your rig a bit. Use the snap swivel and sinker as before, but this time dispense with the high hook and use a number six **snelled** Sproat. Put this on the snap with your sinker. Hook the minnow through both lips, or **lightly** through the back. Be careful! A crippled or dead minnow will not work. Lower the rig to just above the top of any weed bed and give the fish time to move off with the bait before setting the hook. Most of your larger fish will be caught with this method. No bobber is necessary and one should never be used if you want your share of the fish. Just feed your line from the reel as the fish swims off. I think the necessary stealth needed to do this without alerting the fish is just as much fun as the catching.

Most areas have no size or bag limit. Panfish are so prolific that the more you catch, the better the fishing becomes. Some localities do put a catch limit on yellow perch for special reasons of their own, so it will behoove you to check with the fish and game law booklet or syllabus given to you when applying for a license. Don't forget the license—unless you are a kid, you must have it! Ignorance of the law is not honored as an excuse.

As good as summertime yellow perch fishing is, winter fishing through the ice is better—if such a thing is possible. Should the opportunity present itself this winter, take advantage of it. This fishing can become wild at times. In this respect, yellow perch are the only fish I know that can put bergalls to shame.

To get to the fish, holes must be chopped through the ice, and for this, you'll need an ice chisel or auger. Whatever you use must be sharp. Some of that ice in mid-winter is three feet thick—or more. But when kept sharp, an ice chisel will go through that thickness in minutes. If you don't have one, you can probably borrow one from one of the fellows on the lake.

Make your first hole in about twenty feet of water, with succeeding holes out into slightly deeper water until you strike fish—but stick to the shallows. Deep water will avail you naught in winter. You will have to locate your fish just as you do in the summer, but most times the first hole cut will provide all-day action.

A good trick is to cut another hole about six feet away from the one that is producing fish. When the perch slow up around the first hole, lower your bait into the second. The fish will begin biting all over again. Why? Don't ask me; all I know is that it works.

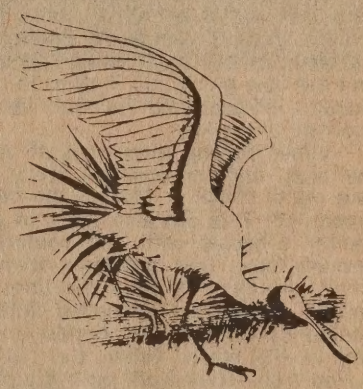
Live minnows are top bait for winter perch fishing, but there are days when the eye of a yellow perch will double your catch. If you use minnows, the summer rig-up will do just fine. Fish it the same way—without the bobber. But when you use perch eyes, some sort of shiny lure is necessary. I use the popular treble-hook Swedish Pimple—about one-quarter ounce. This not only gets the bait down to the fish in short order, but it imparts the necessary flash to attract the fish.

Impale a perch eye on one of the treble hooks and lower it about six feet. If there is no action after a minute or two, raise it a foot and let it flutter back with slack line. Do this three or four times in succession and then let it rest quietly. If there are perch in the vicinity, they will be there in a flash. No perch can resist the fluttering action and soon one fish after another will come through the ice. This works so well that there will be instances of occasional perch chasing the lure with such speed, they will throw themselves out on the ice through sheer momentum. It doesn't happen everyday, but it happens.

Tip-ups—those short ice fishing rods with reels underwater to prevent freezing of the line—are not, in my estimation, worthwhile in perch lakes. You will catch more with a hand-held rod. Unless you intend to use live bait for pickerel, forget tip-ups. Even then, the perch will drive you crazy.

Take care when ice fishing. Always make sure the ice is strong enough to support your weight. For safety's sake, go with a buddy. And here's a tip one seldom sees in ice fishing articles. Carry a reliable pocket compass. Don't scoff! To be trapped out on a lake in a snowstorm is a horrible experience. To my mind, it is worse than fog. During heavy snowstorms, you will be unable to see ten feet. Many lakes are miles long. Don't take chances!

So, now with vacation time at hand, if you plan on traveling, keep fishing in mind, of course. And in particular, yellow perch fishing. It is a lot of fun, and there are darn few saltwater fish that can beat pan-fried yellow perch fillets. Um-m-m-m, good!



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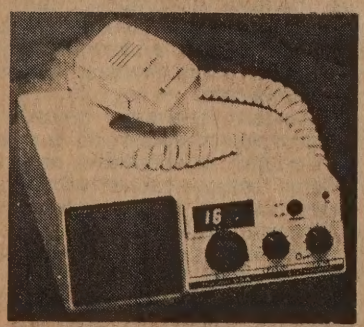

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Everyman's Marlin—The SHARK!

by Bruce Sucher

★Part Two★

More sharks are lost due to improper drag settings or drag malfunction than any other cause. If you are not thoroughly familiar with the particular outfit, then after the drag is initially set—leave it alone! Anglers panic when a big fish is taking line and sock down the drag. POP, another classic hundred yard release. What the unhappy individual did not realize was that as the diameter of the line on the spool decreases, the drag automatically increases. Also water resistance has increased the strain and drag on the line. The intelligent thing to do is slightly ease up on the drag and hope for the best, or start the engine and follow that shark!

Reels should be left in free spool with the ratchet on. Sometimes the strike will be substantial and even with the ratchet engaged, you'll have a backlash. For that reason, I wedge a piece of foam rubber or styrofoam between a cross bar and the spool. Then test and see how much pull it takes to make the reel "sing." Enough pressure to let out line smoothly, but not overrun, is the key.

When fishing three rods at varying distances from the boat, another problem arises. When you bring in one rig to check or change the bait, another is usually entangled. This can also occur in a "fish-on" situation. Center consoles with rod holders placed around the gunnels have less problems than cabined boats with small cockpits. To give my lines the widest possible spread, I attach spring-loaded clothespins, their pressure beefed up with rubber bands—in the bow, amidships and in the stern. When the fish strikes, the line is pulled free. They work on the same order as outrigger clips, but cost a whole lot less.

There are two ways to chum for sharks and each has advantages. By far the easiest and most popular method is to take a frozen three gallon can of chum and empty it into an onion sack. The sack is tied off at a cleat and suspended in the water. As the chum defrosts it lets out a thin trail of gore for the sharks to follow to your boat. I figure one can of chum for three hours fishing and a second can (which should be kept frozen) for a full day. But the frozen chum-onion sack method has drawbacks. First, the chum can be old, freezer burned, re-frozen, etc., and not as fragrant or effective a as fresh ground. Second, a shark—with blue sharks being the number one offender—can silently come up to your boat and rip the sacks to shreds, releasing all the chum and destroying the slick. A boat hook or the back end of a gaff can be used to chase these critters, but they can be persistent and return again and again.

The second method resembles the chumming technique used for bluefishing. In this case, the fresh chum is thinned out with a great deal of sea water. A can should last three hours. If it doesn't, you're chumming too heavily. Someone on board should be given the responsibility of chumming and the slick should never be broken. If your drift is especially fast, just increase the amount of water. When particles of the last scoop are just about out of sight, throw another. Proper chumming is not as simple as it sounds. I've seen anglers go through a can of chum in an hour. They feel that the more chum they throw, the faster the sharks will appear. As if investment of chum will equal success. Not so. A thin slick is as effective as a heavy one. The sharks will not feed on the chum, but will be lured by the scent to its source. Also, the heavier you chum, the more likely you are to get bluefish in your slick. They'll destroy baits and make a nuisance of themselves.

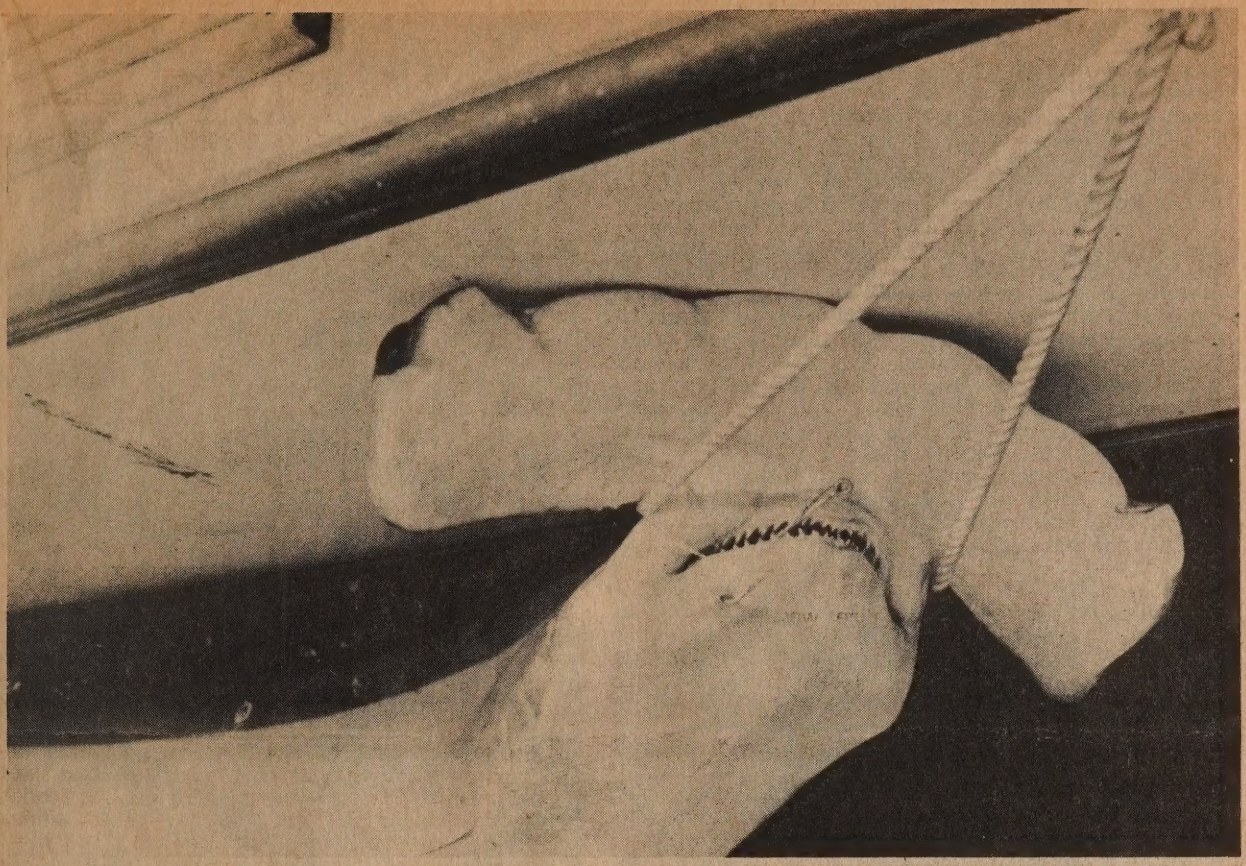
Odds are you'll still get some bluefish in your chum slick. So someone on board gets tired of reeling in chopped mackerel and decides to go bluefishing. They place the standard bluefish hook on their light outfits and wind up hooking a shark. The shark is either lost immediately, or very soon after. And odds are that shark will not return to take the big bait with its long leader. If someone on your boat is intent on bluefish for dinner, let them use jigs or bananas. And don't be shocked if a shark appears to scoff up that hooked bluefish. When the blues suddenly disappear, that's usually a tip-off that something a lot bigger than themselves has arrived.

The most effective chum I ever used was fresh ground bluefish. When I worked aboard a party boat I had access to both bluefish remains and a heavy duty grinder. I'd throw everything but the heads into the machine. The chum was oily, fragrant and free. And believe me, it produced sharks. Whether it was more effective than bunker is hard to say; but I never used this chum and did badly. And I was never bothered by bluefish. I'm surprised some enterprising bait shop owner never got into this shark chum market. If it ever becomes available, give it a try.

Another method of luring sharks is used in conjunction with the more standard methods of chumming. Sharks respond to sound: it's not a question of theory, but a proven fact. I have found M-80s thrown into the water (they're waterproof) to be the most effective method of Sound chumming. Besides being illegal, they're dangerous and great care should be exercised in their use. Shotguns can be fired into the water, metal pipes banged or empty chum cans pounded, but some noise will definitely help produce sharks. I have found that a series of sounds—say one bang every thirty seconds for a few minutes, followed by total silence, to be most effective.

It has become standard operating procedure to throw a slow, but continuous series of bunker or mackerel chunks into the slick. A twenty-five pound slab of bunker will be plenty. Leave a dozen whole for an alternate bait and chunk the rest. Each chunk should be about the size of a fifty cent piece. As with the chum, when the chunk is about to disappear, throw another. Fresh bunker is best, but frozen is more common. Cut your chunks when the bunker is still partially frozen. It's a lot easier and neater.

The most commonly used baits are mackerel, mossbunker and sometimes squid and whiting. Expect to use at least a dozen baits and don't forget to reserve at least as many bunker from the chunk bucket. If, towards the end of the day, things are still slow you can chunk those, too. Whenever possible, I like to pick up



The hammerhead shark's strange design can be an aid in tying up this tough fighter.

some really fresh bait on the way out. If I see a school of surface feeding bluefish, I'll stop and jig a few. The small one to three pounders are best used whole and larger fish can be filleted. Halve the fillet, cut lengthwise and hooked twice through the wide end is a very effective bait. If no blues are available, then about half an hour before I reach my destination, I'll slow the boat to 1500-2000 RPM and troll some small (one ounce) Jap Feathers for bonito, albacore, etc. Fresh caught bonito fillet is about the best bait you can use.

Don't thread your bait on the hook, or try to conceal it. Rigged baits are very professional looking, but the hook tends to be much more difficult to drive home. Whole fish should be hooked once through the shoulder, between head and dorsal fin. Make sure the point and a portion of the hook's bend are exposed.

You have to decide what you intend to do with the shark after you've brought it to the boat. Unless you intend to eat it, or mount it, the shark should be released. Charter boats will sometimes return to the dock with blue sharks or duskies as an advertisement of the captains' prowess. But no knowledgeable, intelligent angler is going to be impressed by a body count.

If you're going to release the sharks, then the procedure and equipment are simple. A pair of cotton work gloves moistened with sea water will give you a better grip and protect your hands. If the shark puts on the after-burners, let him go. Never grab rod tip or line and under no circumstances, wrap the wire around your hands. Use your fishing pliers and cut your leader about two feet from the hook. Don't try to save more leader; even a blue shark, considered to be the most passive and harmless of sharks, can administer a permanent manicure on a careless hand.

If you want to kill the shark, things are a bit more complex and dangerous. One person should wire the fish and a second should be ready with the flying gaff. Strike the shark near the gill slits, or as I say to my friend,

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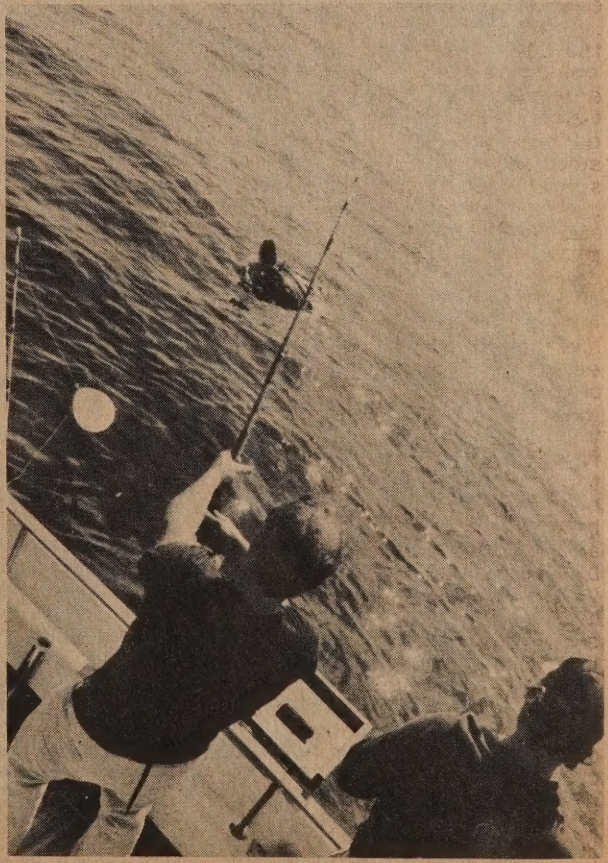


This huge loggerhead turtle took a whole mackerel. We tried to get it close enough to cut the leader, but the line broke during the attempt.

"Where the fish is biggest."

When the thrashing has subsided, you can now pull in some of the slack from the flying gaff hook. Use a regular gaff to bring the tail within reach. Then slip a running bow line equipped length of half-inch nylon around the base of the tail and sock it up. Then tie the line off on a cleat so the tail is out of the water. Sharks have to move in order to breathe; by tying it off you're preventing respiration—ultimately causing suffocation.

All this is a lot easier said than done. Sharks can be very belligerent: not only must you avoid the infamous dentures, but a tail that can break bones, knock off glasses, etc. Use common sense. If the fish seems a bit too frisky, bring in some of the slack from the flying gaff and let the fish sit for as long as it takes to quiet down. Under no circumstances bring a live shark into the boat. If you have any doubts, and the shark is a big one, drag it backwards through the water until all movement ceases. Then apply, with considerable force, the blunt end of a Louisville Slugger to the area just above and directly behind the eyes. Odds are that dead shark will now show some sign of life. Only after you've administered this coup de grace can you consider bringing the shark aboard. Place it teeth down in a part of the boat that will be avoided.

Some anglers carry firearms to dispatch the shark. I will admit that they are highly efficient in accomplishing that end. I'm not going to get into firearms safety. If you feel you need one and are experienced in the handling of a gun, bring it along. The most powerful and effective weapon you will need is a twelve gauge shotgun. I think a twelve gauge shotgun slug could stop a super tanker. It goes in about the size of a nickel and comes out the other side like two dollars and change. After you've gone sharking a number of times, you'll find that gun at the bottom of your list. Something that when it's forgotten, is rarely missed. and if you happen to shoot a world's record shark, your catch will be disqualified under IGFA rules.

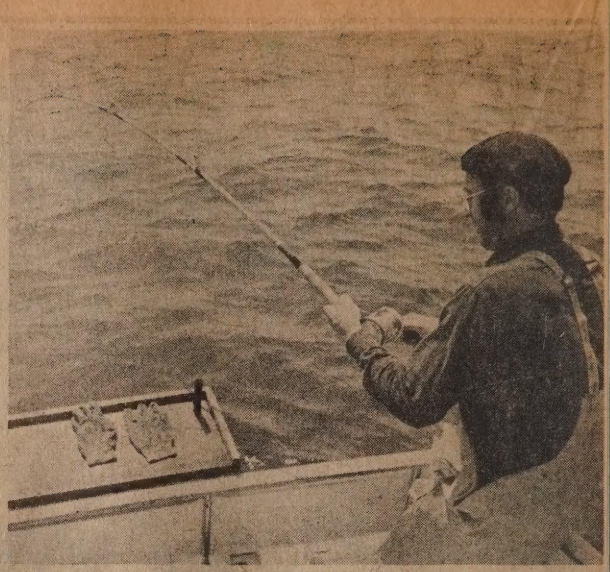
When I leave from the Sheepshead Bay area, I fish in the vicinity of the HA buoy. But on the weekends, this area can actually get crowded with trollers passing through your chum slick and other annoyances. I head the boat to the south/southwest for another eight miles until I find about 250' of water and begin my drift.

When I leave out of Jones Inlet, I take a compass heading of 150° until I reach between 135' to 150' of water. Perhaps you might see one or two boats on the horizon, but that's about all. And unless some kind of emergency arose, that's as close as I'd like another boat to get. That's the beauty of shark fishing.

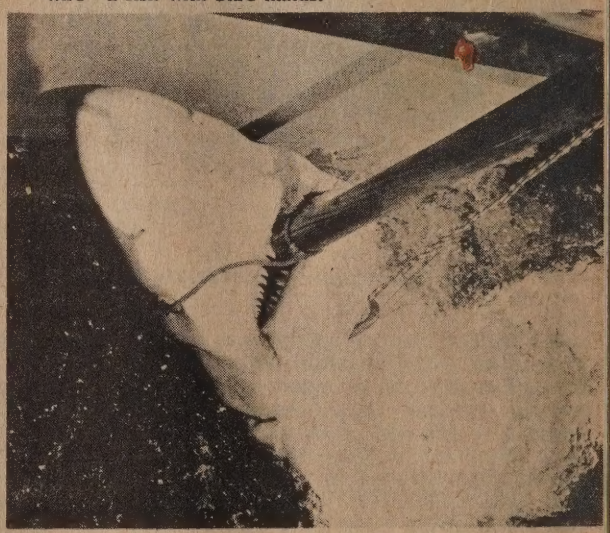
It usually takes one to three hours chumming before the first shark(s) arrive. Sometimes the action will start almost immediately, and on other days, the first hit will coincide with your preparations for return to port. In shark fishing, patience is a very definite asset. No matter how dead the area may **seem**, stick with it. Don't get sloppy and neglect your chumming, bait checks, etc. Rarely will you have more success with a series of short slicks in different areas than one long unbroken slick.

For some reason, I've had my worst trips during the period of the full moon. Perhaps the sharks feed heavily at night—I don't really know. But the sharks that do come into the slick are extremely skittish and will not take the bait readily. To me the most enjoyable aspect of shark fishing is the absolute silence and solitude, "...the blending cadence of waves with thoughts." The unknown that lurks out of sight in the chum slick. Perhaps a white marlin, a huge mako or white shark, a giant tuna or even a swordfish. Last year, a loggerhead turtle actually took a bait. You never know what's waiting just out of sight.

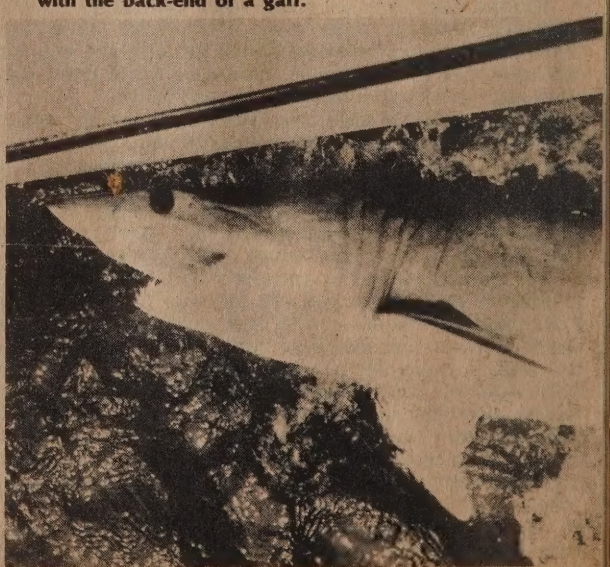
I've tried my best to prepare you for your first offshore shark trip. If you are interested, but still hesitant and would like me to elaborate on any particular aspect of the sport, please feel free to call me at (212) 998-2848. In fact, I'll even go out with you and show you how it's done. For me, shark fishing is the ultimate experience available to the Long Island fisherman.



The author holds on as a big dusky heads for Europe. Note cotton work gloves on bait board—NEVER try to "wire" a fish with bare hands!



Even the placid blue shark should be considered dangerous. This one reacted violently when prodded with the back-end of a gaff.



On the wire, Mr. Mako is highly unpredictable. They've been known to actually jump into boats and create considerable damage.

GIANT SQUID ATTACKS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

TALES OF GIANT SQUID ATTACKS ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN AND MOST PEOPLE RELEGATE STORIES OF THESE MONSTERS TO LEGENDS OF THE PAST OR TO ADVENTURE MOVIES...BUT LOOK OUT, THERE IS AMPLE EVIDENCE THAT THE GIANT SQUID IS OUT THERE ON THE PROWL IN THE OCEAN DEPTHS..

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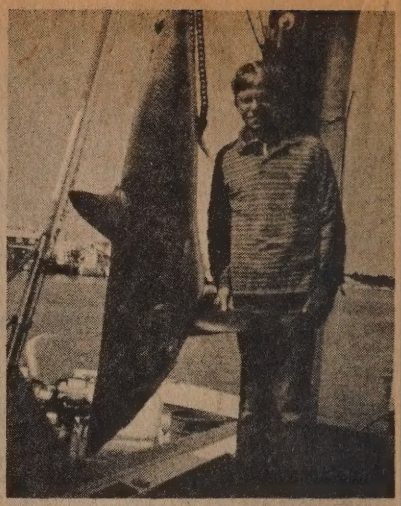
NOTICE TO READERS:
At the present time Montauk is having serious difficulties as a result of the gasoline shortage. The open boats all reported very light crowds and many charterboats are receiving cancellations because fishermen are having difficulty getting enough gas to make the trip to the Point. But L.I.F. feels that our readers should be aware of the many alternative methods of transportation to Montauk that are available other than the automobile, and at realistic rates. The Rockaway Coach Corp. runs a bus to Montauk daily, and you can get further info by calling [212]276-5983. A limousine service is running a Fisherman's Express that will pick you up and deliver you right back to your door. Call [212] 895-2066 for info. And Capt. Paul Forsberg called to tell us that he will pick up at the station anyone coming out on the L.I. Railroad, which runs a train early enough to sail on the Coxes Ledge boat. Give Paul a call at [516] 668-5700 to work out the details.

Mako sharks in large numbers and huge dimensions moved into the Butterfish Hole south of the Point on Saturday and virtually all of the boats fishing there on Saturday and Sunday scored with atleast one nice mako, and several boats had 2 or more. Inshore fishing for bass is still extremely tough, but charterboats are picking a few each day. Fluke fishing was good during the week but tapered off on Sunday due to the high winds and poor drifting conditions. Porgy fishing very good and right on schedule at Gardiners Island with many of the fish in the jumbo category. Coxes Ledge codfishing remains excellent. Still a few flounder at Shagwong but it looks like the last hurrah. A few porgies are being taken around the Lighthouse so the fish should be moving in shortly in big numbers.



14-year-old Chris Vojta of Bronxville caught this 204-lb. mako on Saturday aboard Capt. Fritz Hubner's charterboat *MISTRESS TOO* on 50-pound tackle.

Capt. Warren Hader of the charterboat **Devilfish** took a monstrous mako shark on Sunday that was weighed in at 396 lbs. on a certified scale at Tuma's Tackle Shop. The shark took 1 hour and 20 minutes to bring to gaff on 80 lb. tackle and 6 anglers took turns fighting it, which means that each angler can safely say that he caught a 66 lb. mako. The sextet were: Ray Kroger, Dennis Keane, Joe Keane, Bob O'Leary, Bob Courtney, and John Courtney.

Capt. Phil Lewis of the charterboat **Adios** also nailed a big mako on Saturday, a 242 lb. fish taken in the west end of the Butterfish Hole. Phil said that the bassfishing is still pretty tough and you have to work at it. On a half-day trip Monday he took 4 bass and another 5 bass on Tuesday jigging bucktails at the Elbow and Pollack Rip.

Capt. Fritz Hubner of the charterboat **Mistress Too** had a doubleheader of makos on Saturday fishing the west end of the Butterfish Hole. Using 50 lb. tackle 14 yr. old Chris Vojta of Bronxville fought and landed a 204 lb. mako without assistance. The other mako weighed 168 lbs. and they also bagged 4 blue sharks. Fritz said that he also knows of a private boat that took a 440 lb. mako on Saturday in the same area. All of the makos were full of bluefish, and Fritz said that many huge makos were broken off and lost. But the highlight of the day was the white shark, estimated to be in the 1,000 lb. class that swam

Daredevil Ray Ruddock, mate on Capt. Phil Lewis' charterboat *ADIOS,* performs an extremely dangerous feat with the 242-lb. mako caught on the boat Saturday.

Nine big bass taken by Dr. Stu Yunis and Dr. Dick Blum on the charter boat "Vivienne". The fish were taken both trolling and diamond jigging at Montauk.

about 15 feet from the boat for 10 minutes. The 10 foot shark refused offerings of a live bluefish, fillet of blue shark and a whole mackerel.

Henry Colombi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** said that although very few boats have been going offshore because of the gas situation, two mako sharks were taken on Saturday and one fish was taken on Sunday. The "Three belles", had a mako of 90 lbs. in the Butterfish Hole on Saturday while another boat had a small fish of about 60 lbs. On Sunday Buzz Fiorentino on the "Canyon Runner" took a mako of 425 lbs. in 40 fathoms of water south of the Point. Henry said that a lot of blue sharks are also being taken and there are a lot of bluefish all over the offshore grounds. Meanwhile, inshore the boats have been having a very slow pick with striped bass.

Capt. Buddy Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** reported that the porgy fishing at Gardiners Island has been very consistent, and some anglers have been going home with from a half to 2-plus buckets of fish. In two days of fishing Irving Garner of Queens had 151 porgies. On Saturday Phil Westbrook of Brooklyn caught 54, and on Sunday Ed Williams of Brooklyn landed 49 porgies. All of the fish are medium to jumbos, and Buddy recommended bringing sandworms for bait because they are really catching the fish good.

Capt. Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fishing Fleet** reported that the codfishing at Coxes Ledge is still excellent with the fish averaging 8 to 12 lbs. On Saturday the **Viking Starship** had 2 cod over 50 lbs. and on both Saturday and Sunday some anglers had 24 and more fish. The **Viking Starlite** has been having very good porgy fishing at Gardiners Island with a lot of jumbos mixed in the catch. The **Vking Star** did very good with the fluke all week and on Saturday but the fishing fell off on Sunday due to the strong north winds that made for poor drifting conditions. Hot spots have been the Pollack Rip and the North Rip.

Ed Miller of **West Lake Fishing Lodge** called to report that a lot of mako shark came in over the weekend. Zack Grossman caught a 179 lb. mako at the Shinnecock fingers. Zack was at the wheel with Steve Tiselli of Nanuet, N.Y. on the rod. Jerry Langille on his boat Wild Turkey boated 2 makos of 180 and 195 lbs. fishing 40 miles south of the Lighthouse. Captain Frank Maccaro had a mako of 175 lbs. Pete Bannister of the Buzzard 3 took a mako of 225 lbs. Captain Frank Mundus of the **Cricket II** bagged a 125 lb. mako. Ed said there were makos hanging all over the place. Inshore action petered out a big with not too many flounder around except for Bob Goldman's catch of 30 nice flatties taken on his boat Shirley's Love. A few fluke coming in, but not many.

Charter boat **Free Spirit** called to report that makos have invaded Montauk. Captain Frank's charter for Sunday took a 204 lb. beauty plus 3 big blue shark over 200 lbs. plus two browns. Saturday's charter had 6 blue shark, 3 of which were released. This was on 10 lb. test spinning tackle. All these shark were in the 120 lb. category. Mixed in here were monster blues. Friday his party had blue shark and bluefish. Makos are in thick and here about a week early and it looks like a record year for size and quantity.

Captain Richie Rade's **Marlin V** reports fluking has picked up to the

Shown above is a 204-lb. mako, 3 blue sharks over 200-lbs. and two brown sharks caught on Capt. Frank Maccaro's chaterboat *FREE SPIRIT* last Sunday out of Montauk.

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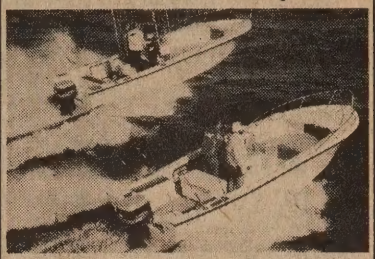

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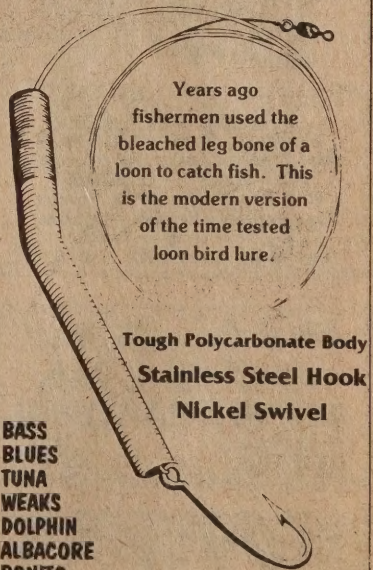
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Captain Ron Grandinetti of the charter boat **Julie-III** called to say he was fishing with his friend Frank on Saturday and they boated 253 porgies from 3/4 to 2¼ lbs. fishing at Gardiner's Island. On Sunday, Ron had a party led by Barry Howell of Brooklyn and at the same area they caught 230 porgies, all on clam.

SOUTH FORK
★ BEST BET ★
FLUKE

SHINNECOCK

The Captain Clark Fleet reports that the boats have found weakfishing fair to good this past week. Ed Trapp of Riverhead boated 8 weaks from 4-7 lbs. Friday using sand worms working Robins Island and Cow Neck in Peconic Bay. On Sunday about 40 weakfish were boated along with porgies and they had their first good showing of Peconic kingfish. The **Captain Clark II** will be making its usual ocean wreck trip this coming weekend.

HAMPTON BAYS

Tony at **Tony's Fishing Station** reported that fluke are being taken around Buoy 24 off the Coast Guard Station. Its a good pick with fish up to 5 lbs. taking sandeels and squid bait drifted during any moving tide. Flounders are still being taken at buoy 21 right in front of the station on worms and red dyed clams. Ben

MORICHES BAY

Jim at **Skidmore's Fishing Station** tells us that John, Wayne and Darren Kropp along with Al Kmitis had 15 keeper fluke, with one going 3 lbs. 10 oz., a 2 lb. 6 oz. porgie and a 2 lb. sea bass. This was all done between buoys 42 and 43 on spearing-squid combos Saturday. On Sunday Hank Schlanger of Mastic Beach caught 15 keeper fluke up to 3½ lbs., fishing by himself in the same area, same bait. The word for the week is "Mixed bag", with porgies, sea bass, weakfish and harbor blues mixed in with the fluke. Incoming water seems to be best.

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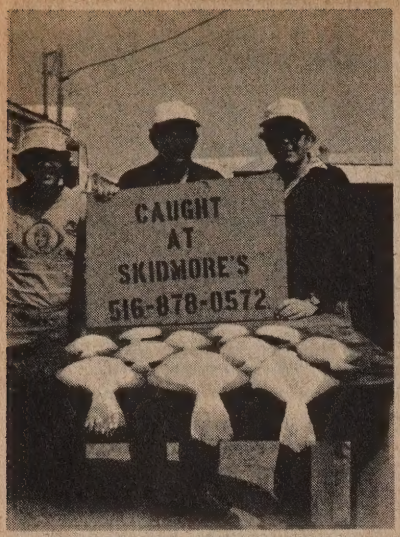

John Kropp, Wayne Kropp, and John Reidlinger with their catch of fluke up to 4 lbs. 10 ozs. taken at the elbow on sandeels and squid. Photo courtesy of "Skidmores Fishing Station".

report that Ricard King and party from the North Stage Theater nailed over 400 lbs. of bluefish on a charter this past week. Captain Fred says he still has some open dates for the July 4 week.

Ben at **Tadsen's Fishing Station** reported very good fluke fishing in all the usual spots not very far from the station. Lots of fluke are being taken on both running tides and there are not many throw-backs. The flounder fishing has started going down hill rapidly and most of the fish being taken now are small.

GREAT SOUTH BAY
★ BEST BET ★
FLUKE

MASTIC BEACH

Gary at **Stiriz' Fishing Station** reports his largest fluke of the season was taken Friday by Bob Kondrick, a 9 lb 1 oz. beauty taken at buoy 27 on live killie and squid. Very good bay blues being taken on Capt. Bill rigs at dawn and dusk from buoy 17 to 15. Fluke has been very good most of the past week from buoy 19 east to buoy 27. Very few midgets, most fish between 2-4 lbs. Lots of crabs and nice sized now just about everywhere.

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Courtney Benford landed this 3 lb. 10 oz. flounder on clam bait aboard the "Mistholm". Photo courtesy of "Cove Marina".

SAYVILLE

Young's Fishing Station reports heavy bluefish action with best catches off Barrett Beach and Cherry Grove. Sporadic fluke are being taken with heaviest catches at Heckscher and Ocean Beach. Large weakfish still running off Cherry Grove on west to the Point O'Woods area. Blueclaw crabs are in very thick with catches of up to a bushel a crabber, mostly off the docks.

Tony Vaccara tells us Bob Zeidler aboard the Kath-Lyn caught a 266 lb. mako on Saturday fishing southeast of Fl Inlet in 180' of wate. The fish helped the South Shore Tuna and Marlin Club to place 3rd in the Bay Shore Mako Tournament. John Bowman on Great Escape bagged a 225 lb. mako.

OAKDALE

Rod of **J & R Sports Center** checked in 2 nice stripers late last week. Doris Bragan clicked with a 48½ lb. cow on a live eel in Fire Island Inlet. Husband Joe followed up the next night with a fish weighing 32 lbs. it was also taken on an eel. John knew that Mike Maier of East Islip boated a 322 lb. mako southeast of the Inlet on his 'Shotsy' Saturday. Mike was fishing the Bay Mako Tournament at the time.

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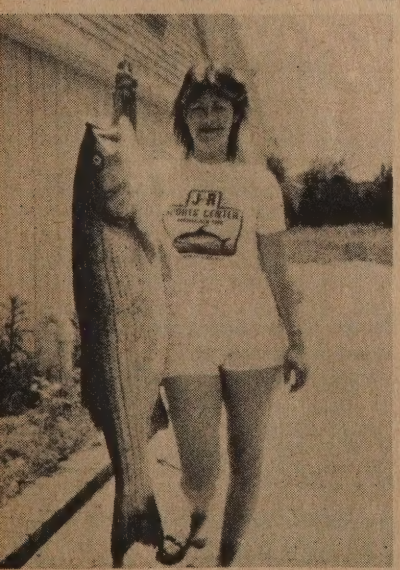
Smokey's Bait and Tackle tells of weakfish on umbrellas at the WR buoy, fish 6-12 lbs. with small blues mixed in. Also at buoy 12 on white and yellow bucktails and sand worms. Good fluking at the top of the flood and through the ebb in the State Channel and from the CG



Doris Bragan boated this 48 lb. cow on 15 lb. test in Fire Island Inlet. The big striper fell for a live eel. Photo courtesy of "J & R Sports Center.

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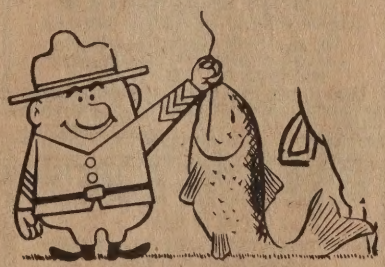

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station to the inlet on sand eels and squid. On Sunday Mary Ann and Boyd Miller had terrific action with 2-3 lb. blues hitting umbrellas off Kismet and Salt Air. Small blues also on chum in Steamboat Channel. Sea bass and big blacks under the Moses Bridge on squid and clam. Bass good at the construction dock, off the lighthouse and under the Moses Bridge on clam chum, fish up to 40 lbs. on Wednesday night, live eels took a lot of bass from the bridge to the inlet. Stacey Miller and Al Colban had brook and rainbow trout up to 18" while fly fishing in Oakdale's Connetquot River on Friday. In the Bay Shore Mako Tournament, first place went to b Voltz with a 352 lb. mako. Second place went to Mike Mirer with a 322 lb. mako; 3rd place to John Deak with a 313 lb. mako. First place for blue shark went to Norm Zenke with a 221 lb. blue shark; 2nd place-Tom Hudson, 218 lb. blue shark; 3rd place-Bud Frankberg-167 lb. blue shark.

The **Casey Lee** reports fluke greatly improved at the end of this past week. Friday's trip for 13 men saw over 100 keeper fluke boated, mostly 2-4 lb. fish. This was in Snake Hill Channel and Great Flat on sand eels, spearing and squid. Saturday's trip for 25 anglers saw approximately 100 keeper fluke boated. Hy Brown of New Hyde Park was high hook with 9 fluke, all good sized fish. Sunday was off due to strong northwest winds, but fares still averaged 3-4 keepers a man.

OAK BEACH

The Store tells us fluking dropped off a bit over the weekend, but there are still blues and weaks being caught at Democrat Point at dawn and dusk and big blues are in abundance from 15 miles out. They are now carrying live bass eels.

CAPTREE

The Captree Boatmen's Association has asked us to let you know there is a parkway gass station just 1½ mile west of the Captree docks.

Charter boat **Lady Ann** called to tell us fluking this past week ranged from fair to good on weekdays. Fish averaged 2-4 lbs. in the Sate Channel, Snake Hill and East Channels on spearing and on sand eels. Last of the flood and first of the ebb has been best. Fishing slowed on Sunday with the strong northwest winds. The blues have arrived and the boat will be making their July reservation trips. See ad for details.

The **Captain Ben Litwin** called to say that aside from their daily fluke trips, they will also be running bluefish trips at 7PM every night starting June 29.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy Fleet** reported very good bluefishing on Friday night with about 250 choppers coming over the

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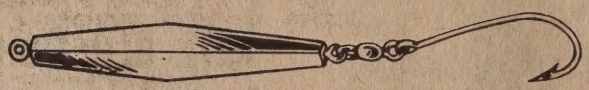

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rail. On Saturday fishing took a dive but on Sunday action returned to fair with about 100 bluefish being taken. Speedy has been fishing 6 to 7 miles east northeast of the HA Buoy whihc is about 26 miles from the Inlet. The majority of the fish go from 7 to 12 lbs. with some larger. During the day, bananas catch best while at night bait seems to produce the best action.

Capt. Carl Bauer of the **Capt. Whittaker** reported very good fluking on Saturday with fares averaging 2 to 7 keepers per man. A number of these fish go from 2½ to 4 lbs. with three 5 pounders taken in recent days. The big news was about "The one that got away". One of the fares brought a huge dormat alongside on Friday only to have the fish break off on its final bid for freedom. Carl has been fishing Snake Hill Channel and also the State Channel. Sunday's fishing was slow on the morning trip and somewhat improved for the afternoon trip. The Captain called the second trip "Fair". Killies have begun to produce the majority of the fish.

BABYLON

Keith at **Hi Hook Fishing Station** tells us catches of 3-4 fluke per skiff were the numbers during the week with boats going to Snake Hill Channel and into the State Channel. Largest fluke of the week was a 3 lb. 8 oz. fish. Catches being made on spearing, sand eels and live killies.

Charlie's Fishing Station reports their skiffs are taking fluke in the State Channel and getting fair catches. A lot of throwbacks coming up. Spearing and sand eels working best and catches are averaging 5-6 keepers per man. Lots of blue claw

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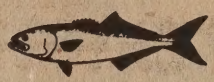

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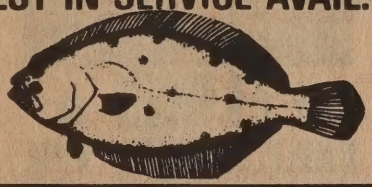

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Eric at **Augie's Bait and Tackle** reports a blue shark of 144 lbs. was brought in by Jack O'Laughlin on Wednesday fishing in 240' of water. Phil Fraccalveri fishing on June 18 on his boat Happy Hooker, hooked and landed a 30 lb. 4 oz. striped bass on a live eel in F.I. Inlet. On Saturday, Mike Iannone brought in a 10 lb. 7 oz. bluefish. Karl Fogliano brought in a monster blue of 17 lbs. 10 oz. taken on his boat Joanna's X fishing southeast of the inlet in 130' of water.

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SEAFORD

Ted at **Uncle Hermie's Fishing Station** called to tell us fluking was pretty good this past week with one of his boats returning with 17 keeper fluke, one of which was close to 5 lbs., caught by Don Schmidt and Dennis Murphy, fishing the west side of the Wantagh Bridge with killie-squid sand eels combos. This was all on outgoing tide in just a few hours. Ted asked us to remind you that his station has special senior

itizen rates.

Wanser's Bait and Tackle reports luking remains good at West Island, t the Wantagh drawbridge, Sloop Channel and Goose Creek on sand eels, spearing, killies and squid. Flounder still being caught in the deep holes at the 3rd Wantagh and he holes off Short Beach. Makos nd blue shark being taken at 180' nark. An occasional bass and weakish on bellies at the bridge.

Pop's Fishing Station tells of good atches of fluke most of this past week. Walter Kemp of Valley Stream whose a member of Rudy's Fishing Club took a 6 lb. fluke Saturday on the high fishing buoys 3 and 14 just south of Four Corners. In the same area, Henry Zylawski and two pals boated 14 luke up to 3 lbs. Saturday on sand eel-killie combos on outgoing. Mr. Rugillio of Massapequa Park had 25 lounder up to 1½ lbs. fishing some deep holes at the bridges. Good ishermen are averaging 8-10 fluke vith "occasional" fishermen getting -3 fish.

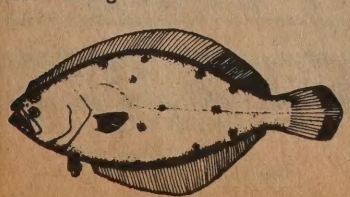
Artie at **Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station** tells us he had most of his oats out over the weekend and irtually all came back with from -15 keeper fluke, fishing Massapeua Cove using squid and killies or quid and sand eels. Artie says he vill see to it that his customers will ave enough gas available for their eturn trip home.

MERRICK

Jimmie at **Nick's Fishing Station** ells us fluking was good all week hrough Saturday, particularly in Carmen's Cut and at the golf course. The private boat Broker Dan had 39 keeper fluke on Wednesday at Carmen's Cut on sand eels, though killies are working too. Fish are nostly keepers. Dennis Newmanhad bass on Friday, 28 lbs., 22 lbs., 18 bs., plus one rat chumming at thw Wantage Bridge. George Zipper had stripers on Sunday from 21-32 lbs. chumming with grass shrimp locally.

BALDWIN

Andy at **Arthur Street Fishing Station** reports a few fluke were caught on the weekend in Reynolds Channel at the high school on killie-squid combos and also in Baldwin Bay. Doc Bernstein boated a 36 lb. striper on a live eel fishing State Channel west of the Wantagh Bridge in the evening.Doc and Audrey Horing had 5 bluefish up to 9 lbs. fishing in 130' of water.



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Freeport Boatmen's Association reports fluking on the light side on the weekend, though the best catches were made in the back waters with charter boat **Nite Owl II** and the open boat **Captain Hall** doing pretty well in the back waters of Merrick and Freeport. Aboard the **Snapshot** Bob Berman had 15 big bluefish fishing south of Cholera in 100' of water on chum and bait. The **Christie Lee** had 9 blue shark Saturday up to 210 lbs. On Monday, a 210 mako came to gaff also. There are big bluefish scattered all over the ocean. For those seeking big cod, there are still openings available aboard the **Nite Owl II** wreck trip sailing Monday, July 23. See ad for details.

The **Aloma II** reports fluking was picky on the weekend though he did manage 2-3 good size fish a man off Riis Park Sunday. Catches averaged 8-9 keepers a man during the week. Best producing areas were Reynolds Channel and Swift Creek. Fish averaged 2½ lbs. and the daily pool went to fish in the 4-5 lb. range.

The Captain Hall tells us he's been fishing local creeks all week long. Saturday was the only tough day that Captain Dick Hall experienced. On Sunday one youngster had 6 keepers. Big fish are being caught all week. Wednesday's pool fish ran 6 lbs. 8 oz., 2nd place being 4¼ lbs., 3rd place - 3½ lbs. Thursday's high hook was 10 fish and the runner up was 9 fish.

The Starstream II had over 200 bluefish in the 5-10 lb. range Thursday with the balance of the week being picky. The drift was very fast due to the strong winds blowing. Catches would have been much better if the anglers aboard had been ready to drop their bananas and banana split lures at the instant the signal was given because that's when they were over fish. When you're in the cabin munching your lunch, you're not going to be ready to catch bluefish. You must be at the rail, ready to fish. The boat has been working an area roughly 25 miles s/se of Jones Inlet. Starting Friday night, the boat will also be

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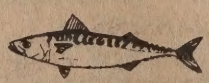

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Capt. Dan Pollara of the charter boat **Nan Sea** called to tell us Sunday's bluefish charter worked from 118-130' of water 150° out of the inlet where they chummed 17 chopper blues from 10-15 lbs. They had a 17 lber on Saturday. This was all on chum and mackerel chunks and this was for the charter of John Hildebrand and party of Islip Terrace. Dan tells us the **Ivory Queen** also had 20 jumbo bluefish on Sunday.

Captain Bill of the **Ivory Queen** called to tell us Saturday's charter for Paul Pezak of Rego Park and 3 pals had 8 blue shark to 105 lbs. and 16 bluefish to 10 lbs. All shark were tagged and released and fishing was in 140' of water, 155° out of Jones. Sunday's charter for Jim Caruso of Howard Beach and party boated 30 bluefish from 7-12 lbs. High hook was Tony laboce of Astoria. Dom Caruso of Jackson Hts., took the pool with a 12 lb. bluefish. This was all chum and butterfish. Bill says a huge mako that he estimates between 400-450 came up to the boat and was rubbing its back on the hull, nibbling at the butterfish chunks but totally ignored a shark bait that was finally put into the water and just swam away.

The Capt. Lou III reports on Saturday he had fluke and small blues fishing the inlet. Fluke catches were pretty good Monday through Friday with these bay blues mixed in, hitting fluke rigs. The fluke ran up to 5 lbs. and the blues were from 2-3 lbs. High hook everyday ranged into the high teens. His half-day trips were very good on the morning tides. Jim Crawford of Queens caught 16 keepers Friday morning up to 4¾ lbs. on the **Capt. Lou II**. Captain Mike says these half-day

trips are working very well. The Capt. Lou II is sold out for this Sunday, both trips.

Captain Sy Karlin on the **Blue Fin II** called to say on Saturday he fished the inlet and adjacent areas for a fair catch on spearing and sundial strips. Sunday's catch was slightly less rewarding. Tilton Weinstein of Nesconsit had 20 keepers at the inlet and the west end of Reynolds Channel. The moon tides and strong winds hurt Sunday's fishing which was slow except at the change of tide.

Captain Mike of the charter boat **Apus** reports shark fishing was very good during the week fishing in 200' of water south of Jones Inlet. Many blue sharks and duskies were tagged along with one small mako. The weekend slowed down due to heavy boat traffic on Saturday and high winds offshore on Sunday. Even so, a few sharks were tagged both days. Large bluefish in the 15 lb. class were also taken on every trip.

Captain Tony of the **Miss Freeport Fleet** tells of fair to good fluke catches in the early part of the week. Catches fell on the weekend with the strong winds. The boats have been fishing the back creeks mainly. The Miss Freeport is making 2 halfdays trips with Capt. Joe Darby, Jr. running the halfday boat. Fish are running up to 4 lbs. and hitting sand eels and fluke belly.

The Capt. Al reports a pretty good weekend on sea bass, blacks and ling and also a few cod. Al expects to stay with bottom fishing until bluefishing improves. He is using skimmer clam for his bottom fishing trips over nearby wrecks and reefs. The boat will be starting night blues this week. See ad for details.

The Capt. Bill has been having good fluking during the week. Action was only fair on the weekend due to strong winds and moon tide. Bill has been working the inlet and the back.

Lou Stalker at **Charvin Fishing Station** tells us private boats did well on jumbo bluefish working southeast of Jones about 25 miles, lots of these choppers taken while shark fishing. The local fluking remains good, mainly in the back area now while sea bass remains good offshore on wrecks or mussel beds.

Captain Arnold of the charter boat **Shalidon** called to tell us Wednesday's charter for Al Levenberg of Baldwin resulted in a 175 lb. mako being taken working southeast of Jones in 140' of water on a squid. They also tagged and released 2 blue shark. Friday and Saturday, the boat had a 2-day Canyon trip which produced 50 nice sized tilefish together with plenty of shark activity. A swordfish smashed the bait for John Hart of Hasbrouck Hgts., NJ. On Friday night, the boat was caught in the middle of a tremendous wind and lightning storm where winds picked up to 40 mph and they had 10' seas. An oil rig

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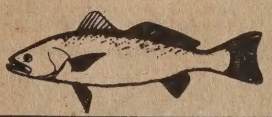

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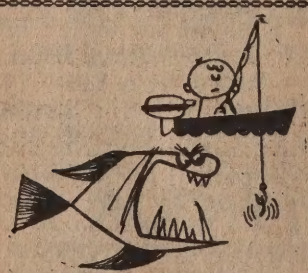

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was hit by lightning and Arnold says it lit up like a flashbulb.

Anthony's Fishing Station advises fluking was good during the week. Eddie Poetch had 18 fluke fishing at Guy Lombardo's on Wednesday on incoming tide in late afternoon just drifting around in front of the bait shack. Lots of catches of 8, 12, 14, etc., fluke. Charles Porcasi took a 4½ lb. fluke in Swift Creek on killie and squid on incoming. Sunday saw two of his boats with small bay blues taken in the inlet area on fluke rigs and bucktails.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Station reports that on Saturday Mike Lattorrica and Tom Mazur had 28 fluke on sandeels and squid in Reynold's Channel. Marilyn said that 12 fluke per boat is about average with one of the better spots being off the Lido Beach golf course. Also the last half of incoming and top of the outgoing seem to be producing the best action. Blackfish at the T wreck and the Meadowbrook Bridge on fiddler crabs and a report from a reliable source of a 37 lb. striper taken at the Meadowbrook Bridge Friday night on live bait.

Scotty's Fishing Station reported good fluking all through Reynold's Channel and up the Inlet on outgoing water. The Point Lookout Bridge has been one of the better producing spots. Small bluefish made a showing on Friday in the Inlet and blackfish at the Coast Guard Dock, and the Roda and T wrecks outside.

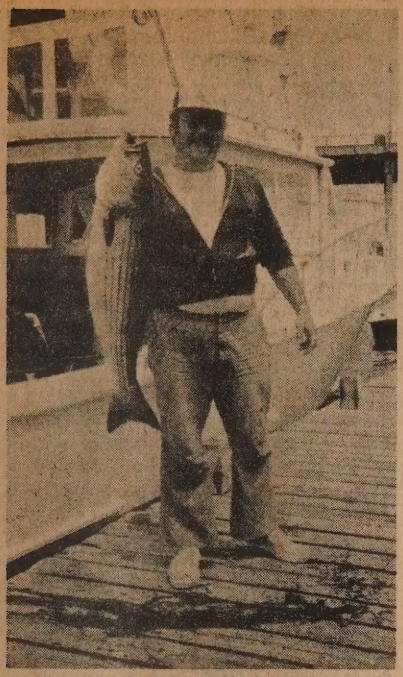
ISLAND PARK

Charlie of **Beckmann's Bait & Tackle** reported fluking in the area fair to good. The Inlets and just outside have been producing the best action on sandeel and squid combos. East Rockaway has had the edge over Jones Inlet. Clam chummers fishing nights at the turn of the tide have been taking a couple of bass along with some weakfish.

The Commodore reports good fluking all week until Sunday when winds and the new moon created bad drifting conditions. Captain Clem has been working the back bays, averaging 7-8 keepers a man during the week. Saturday's catch was fair. The larger fish are in the deeper water and coming up black with mud.

Steve Witzen fishing on Joe Masone's Debra reports they had a 175 lb. mako in the Bay Shore Mako Tournament and also released 2 blue shark all 135'•' out of Fl inlet in 170' of water.

Skippy's Bait and Tackle says fluke is the big thing in Hog Channel on sand eels and squid. Fishing the back creeks now with a chum pot and live killies would be your best bet now. Lots of big fish



Alan Solomon displays a 25 lb. bass taken on a Lupo Baby Bunker spoon aboard the charter boat "Kim".

are up in the flats in just 4' of water. People are overshooting the fish. Gene Atkins on his boat Billy Glen had 7 blue shark and 1 mako of 132 lbs. Saturday fishing 40 miles off the beach, 150° out of Jones. Crabs are unreal in Bay Park. Fluke being taken on killies now as much as sand eels. An 8 lb. fluke was taken Saturday by an angler by the name of Valenti at Tank City on spearing.

LONG BEACH

Long Beach Sports Marina reported a fluke derby between the New Anglers Fishing Club and the East Rockaway Fishing Club was won by the New Anglers who totaled 42 points. Largest fluke of the contest was 4½ pounder taken by Barry Carbine. Fluke are the big item in the area with Duck Point producing some good scores in recent days. Live killies have begun to take over as the better producing bait. A few small blues and lots of bunker in the area.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Captain Ronnie Lepper of the chater boat **Kim** reports bass trolling is still poor, with Ronnie averaging 1 decent fish every 2-3 days in the 18-25 lb. range. This is on small spoons and umbrella rigs which are also account for excellent bluefish catches. Ron says an average catch for 4 men is 50-100 blues up to 17 lbs. He's had lots of 15 lbers. Most of the action has been between the Cedars and Norton's Point on small spoons. His charters have also been getting in 1-2 hours of fluking at the end of each day and good catches of 2-5 lb. fluke are being drifted up in Jersey waters, on squid, sand eels and spearing. The boat will start its offshore fishing next week.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Fred at **Mike's Bait and Tackle** tells us bluefishing took a dip off the Jersey Coast over the weekend on both day and night trips for some inexplicable reason. Sunday's fluking was excellent from Playland to Elberon to Sandy Hook on squid, sand eels and spearing. Lots of small blackfish on local wrecks and off the Jersey rocks and at Elberon, fish up to 2½ lbs. on fiddlers and

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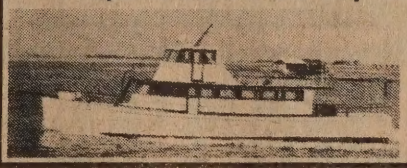

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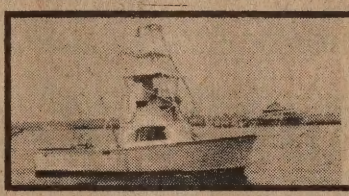

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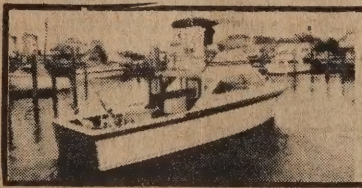

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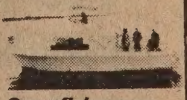

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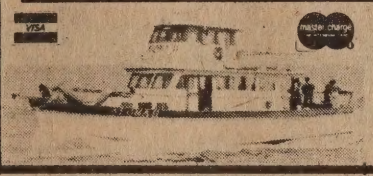

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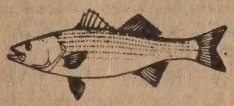

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green crabs. Striped bass fishing very slow, but some being taken at the VZ on sand worms and drifted bunker at the jetties.

Captain Walter of the **Flamingo III** called to tell us that now the bluefish have shown their snouts, he is switching over to bluefishing on a daily basis and he will also be night bluefishing Friday and Saturday nights at 7PM.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny of **Santo's Sport Shop** reported a steady pick of stripers at Cliff St. and South Beach on Danny swimming plugs. Best fishing has been on outgoing water and rainbow colored and white plugs have produced the best results. While a numbe of fish in the 20 lb. class have been weighed in the biggest in recent days was a 37½ pounder taken by Frank Noto. Bass from shorts up to 5 lbs. at Penny St. and Jersey St. on worms. Occasional bluefish at South Beach and Anandale. Some decent fluke fishing near the storm sewers and off of the rock jetty in Great Kills Park. Lots and lots of crabs around with 3 or 4 that must be returned to every one you can keep. This bodes well for the future. Boatmen have been live lining a few stripers at the 21 Can while worm drifters have been taking school fish at Hoffman's Island and the VZ Bridge. Two to 4 lb. blues are being trolled on umbrella rigs from the Harbor entrance to Princess Bay. Also good fluking near the Princess Bay Bug Buoy on squid and killie combos.

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GREENPORT

AP White Bait Shop reports good porgy fishing on Sunday at the Ruins on skimmer clams and sandworms. These fish were all big humpbacks. Bluefish from 5 to 14 lbs. are being taken at buoy 8 on the north side of Shelter Island. At Jessups, bluefish in the 2 to 4 lb. class are being taken on 4 to 6 oz. diamond jigs. Blackfishing in the area remains good for those using fiddlers or green crabs.

SOUTHOLD

Ace of **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** reported good porgy action at Mashomack Point. These fish are all good size and are being taken on sandworms and clam bait. Plenty of bluefish from 2 to 5 lbs. around buoy 17 at Jessups. Both umbrellas and diamond jigs take these fish. The Brickyard has been producing both fluke and weakfish for anglers drifting squid and sandeel combos or squid and spearing combos. Ace asked us to remind our readers that he plans on opening the Orient Substation on Wednesday and that he will provide patrons with enough gas to get home if they have a problem getting it.

NEW SUFFOLK

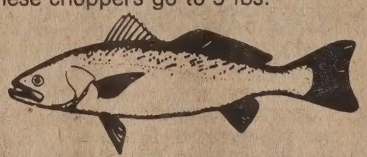
Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reported that on Saturday Jim Hawkins and Fred Johnson returned with 35 weakfish and 30 porgies from Nassau Point. Both the weaks and porgies were taken on worm bait. Also on Saturday John Delenzik and Alton Faulk had 37 porgies up to 3½ lbs., 13 weakfish to 8 lbs., and 2 nice blackfish. This catch was made at buoy 30 also on sandworms. Capt. Marty reminded that chumming with clam is necessary if you want to score big with the porgies.

PECONICS

Tom of **Speck's Bait & Tackle** reported bluefish taken trolling outside of Shinnecock Inlet on umbrella rigs according to radio chatter. Weakfish have been putting in an occasional showing at North Haven. Bruce Palmer had 2 fish on a Kastmaster over the weekend including 1 that weighed 10 lbs. gutted. Porgies are around with the best action being found at buoy 16 and 17 using sandworms and clams for bait. Tom says it seems that there are plenty of fish around but it is difficult to get a good pulse on the fishing due to a lack of anglers which is obviously a result of the gas situation.

AQUEBOGUE

Warren's Bait & Tackle reported both porgies and blackfish in the Sound on sandworms and fiddler crabs. A few sea bass have been mixed in with the catches also. Porgies in the Bay at Buoy 17 and 18, all nice size fish, and plenty of bluefish for umbrella rig trollers. These choppers go to 5 lbs.



NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

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BLUEFISH

ROCKY POINT

Stan at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** reported bluefishing of blitz proportions along local beaches over the weekend. Some casters had as many as 25 to 30 blues in the 2 to 5 lb. class. A few weakfish were mixed in with the blues and fish were taken on almost any lure used although tins were the most popular with the majority of the casters. Bluefish and weakfish were taken by boatmen at buoy 11 on diamond jigs and also trolled on umbrella rigs. Very good porgy action with some of the fish going 2½ to 3 lbs. This is on clams, worms, or squid. There is a pick of fluke in the area but this fishing is just getting started. Blackfishing has slowed but there are still a few fish off the beaches.

MT. SINAI HBR.

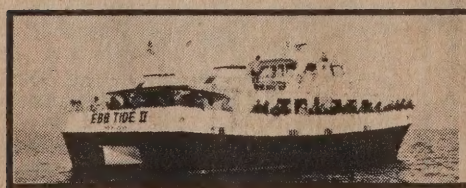
Ralph's Fishing Station reported that some good porgy scores were made on Saturday by those who fished late into the day. Sandworms, clams, and squid produced catches of fish running up to 2¾ lbs. This action was at Buoy 9 off of Rocky Point. Ralph noted that chumming with clams will greatly improve you porgy catch. Bluefish out in the Sound at Buoy 11 on umbrellas and diamond jigs. Also a few fluke and an occasioanl blackfish in the 6 to 8 lb. class being weighed in.

PORT JEFFERSON

Caraftis Fishing Station reported very good bluefishing on Sunday at Buoy 11 with some boats returning with as many as 100 choppers in the

Mike Poola took this 38 lb. striper on a live eel fished from the surf east of Shinnecock Inlet. Photo courtesy of "Rocky Point Fishing Stop".

★ CITY ISLAND ★



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to 5 lb. class. Diamond jiggers and nbrella rig trollers all took their are of the fish. Casters also got shot at the fish at Miller Place and Vest Meadow over the weekend. ts of porgies off of Old Field Point d also at Mt. Misery Shoal. Chum r the porgies and squid, clams, d sandworms all produce as bait. few fluke outside the harbor to the st and worm drifters have been cking away at bass in the 20 to 30 . class from Crane's Neck to Vading River. This is all night and rly morning action.

Tackle Shack Sportsmen's Center ports bluefish between buoys 9 d 7 from Mt. Sinai to Wading ver on trolled umbrellas and ged "Sicilian Rigs", which are ant mackerel trees. Lenny the antom had 12 blues up to 9 lbs. iday. Good blackfishing with fid-er crabs at Miller Pl. and many orth Shore rocky areas. Sand rgies from Stony Brook to Miller ., Sandworms best. Moriches Bay iking has been spotty, but sand l/squid combos have been doing eir best. The Elbow at the Inlet s been the best area. The area tween Harts Cove and the CG ation have been very good for ueclaws. Flounder still an okay m at buoy 29 in Moriches.

KINGS PARK

OK Bait & Tackle reported good uefishing, some weakfish and fair ttom fishing. On Saturday Roger d Eddie Olsen and Joe Naldner ecked in a 10 lb. 12 oz. blue and a lb. 10 oz. weakfish which were ken as a double-header on a lled umbrella rig off of Makamah each. Eight year old Mike Canet ok an 11 inch brown trout on a stmaster in the River. On Sunday ul Albarano and Joe Orlando had bluefish to 5 lbs. off of Sunken eadow on umbrella rigs.

Artie from **Ski and Sea** reports at Thursday night, John Trotter gged 3 bluefish up to 8 lbs. on amond jigs while surf casting off llahan's on a flooding tide. The ues disappeared for the weekend. mixed bag of porgies, blacks and under were picked here and there sand worms.

NORTHPORT

Tom at **Bowman's Sporting Goods** d us that Charlie Dee weighed in 0½ lb. dormat fluke which took a ndworm meant for a weakfish. ny and John Sciarrino and Joe alker weighed in weakfish of 8, 9, d 10½ lbs. which were taken on ly worm at Diamond Point in the rly a.m. Some other weigh-ins er the weekend included 9 yr. old J. Railo with a 5½ lb. weakfish ken on a Rebel and 11 yr. old bert Jankowski who had a 7½ lb. uefish taken at buoy 15. Jim Malone clicked with a 27 lb. striper on a 7½" Rebel at Ashroken. Tom said that bass are being taken every morning at daybreak and also at sunset on eelworms and Rebels. Plenty of bluefish in the 4 lb. class at the Power Plant but it appears that the weakfish have slacked off. Big porgies, up to 3 lbs., at the Middle Grounds on squid, clams, and worms. White umbrella rigs take bluefish averaging 4 lbs. at Lloyd's Point.

The Ever Ready reports that on Tuesday night Werner Kerphret of Happauge had a huge fish on for 47 minutes which eventually broke the rod. Captain Don says it was probably an outsized striper. On Tunesday evening the Bay was a cauldron of churning bunker. It has been a slow week of fish actually being brought in. Watch next week's ad for big expanded program.

GLEN COVE

The Lady Lou II tells us porgies are starting to show at Oak Neck. Fish were 1-2 lbs. at the beginning of the week with fish getting smaller as the week progressed. Nice flounders are still being caught at Lloyd Neck on clam and sandworm. The porgies will be building now. Some blues are being wirelined for trollers. A 56 lb. striper was weighed in at Jack's Bait and Tackle on City Island, fish hitting a mackerel bait.

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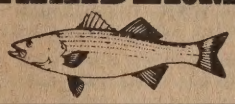

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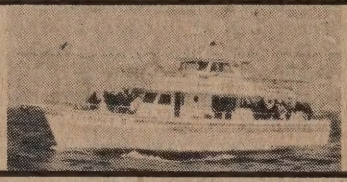

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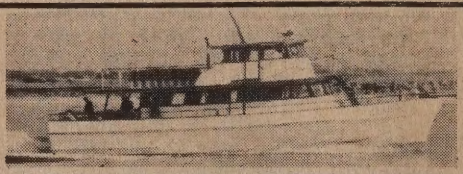

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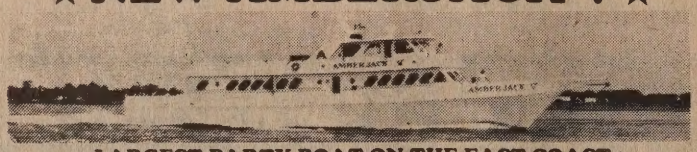

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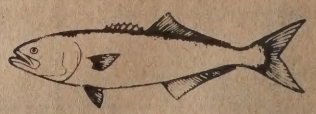

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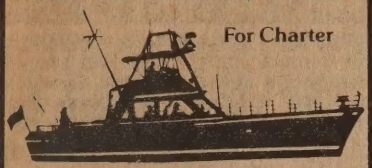

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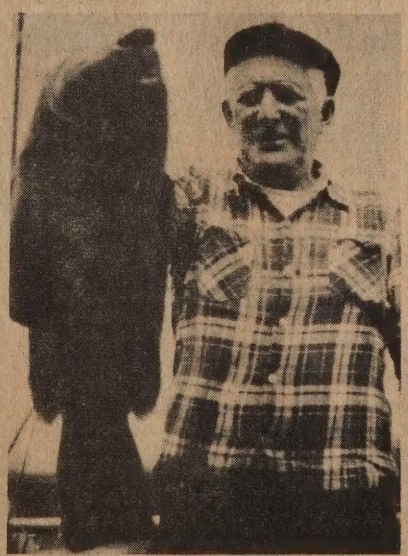
Ronnie Ferrara of **Ronnie's Bait & Tackle** checked in a hugh striper for Jim Bonafede of East Northport last week. Jim took a 50 lb. 8 oz. bass on a alou eel at Ashroken. Capt. Chick Villa of the Sea Prowler and Charles Battle had 3 weakfish and 14 bluefish on umbrella rigs at buoy 13 over the weekend. John Munno, Jr. and Louie Pacione had bass of 17, 21, and 23 lbs. on drifted worms in Cold Spring Harbor Friday evening. Peg, Bill, and Cindy Walsh took 20 blackfish up to 6 lbs. off of the Huntington Lighthouse on fiddlers. Ronnie noted that a few fluke are starting to show and that boatmen have been taking some bluefish at Lloyd's Point.

Four Winds Bait & Tackle reports that there are still weakfish to 9½ lbs. being taken at Diamond Point and lots of bluefish at Buoys 13 and 15. This fishing is mostly in early morning and evening proposition. Robert Tota took a 26 lb. striper at Eaton's Neck on an umbrella rig along with some bluefish and weakfish. Blackfish to 6½ lbs. on fiddlers at Eaton's Neck.

Captain Ray on the charter boat **Eclipse** called to tell us Sunday morning he and his mate umbrellaed and bucktailed 11 blues up to 7 lbs.



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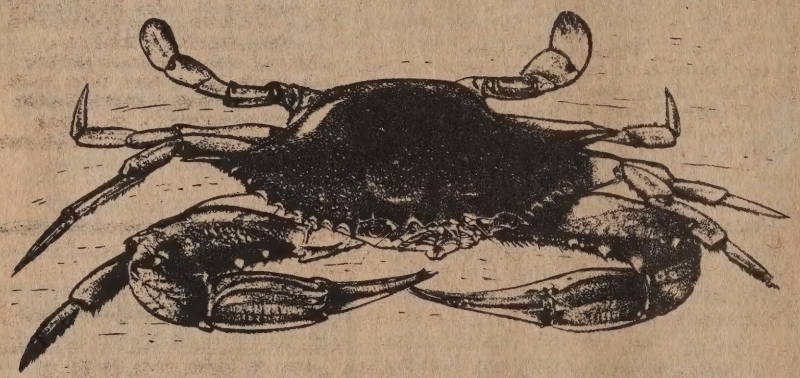

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fishing buoy 13. Some 9 lb. weaks have also been trolled. The boat is now taking bluefish charters.

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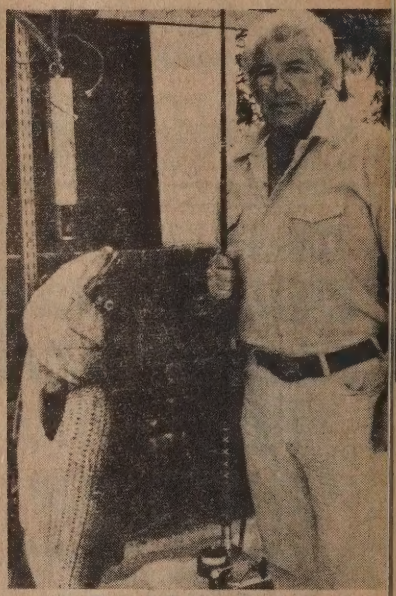
Salty's Bait & Tackle reported good blackfish action at Center Island, in Cold Spring Harbor, and at Morris Rock. Mike Vaguto, Ken Goldman, Vic Stanish, and Kevin Kimchy, Four local youngsters, stopped by the shop with 10 blackfish up to 4½ lbs. which they took at Stehlis Beach. Weakfish for casters and boatmen at Diamond Point in the early a.m. and bluefish for umbrella rig trollers at Buoy 15. A few bass being taken at Marshall Field on split-back Rebel and dropper combos. Also on the bass front, some big stripers taken along the Causeway at night on drifted live eels.



Jim Bonafede of East Northport took this 50 lb. 8 oz. bass from the beach on 12 lb. test and Alou Eel at Ashroken. Photo courtesy Ronnie's Bait and Tackle.

CITY ISLAND

Jack's Bait & Tackle reporte good blackfishing at Harts Island Execution Light, and at Fort Slocum These fish are being taken mostly o fiddler crabs. The big news at Jack was the 56 lb. cowbass taken on live mackerel at Prospect Point b Justino Garcia on Saturday morning Harts Island has been producing 5 t 6 lb. bass as demonstrated by And Starace who had 6 one day and 3 th next all on worms.

The Ebb Tide II reports o Saturday fishing was slow but Su day picked up considerably wit good sized flounder up to 2¼ lbs. o sand worms. Captain Joe fished th Ct. side. Also during the wee some porgies were picked up.

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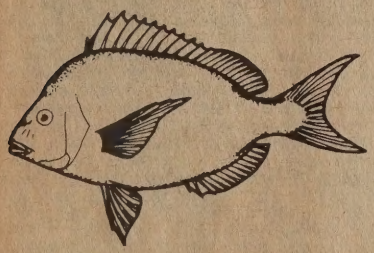

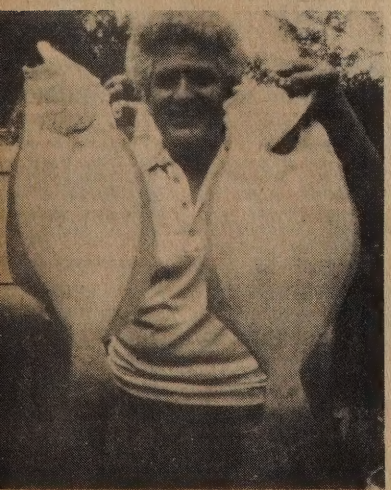

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SURF SIDE

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try worms, spearing, or sand eels. Cast a fair distance out for fluke, closer to the rocks for all the others. If you catch a bergall, try live-lining it for fluke.

Today, as you must be aware, many species are in decline: striped bass, sea bass, fluke, and weakfish. Boat fishermen are not catching as many fish as in the past. For the surfcaster, it is worse. Ironically, saltwater fishing has become more popular than ever and there are fewer places to throw out a line with some elbow room. It takes some effort to find the best combination of a decent fishing place and relative solitude. A 1½ mile trek is worth it for me. Eventually, it may have to be for you.

FISH TEMPURA

The firm white meat fish of winter, the flounder, ling and whiting are delicious when prepared in this traditional Japanese style.

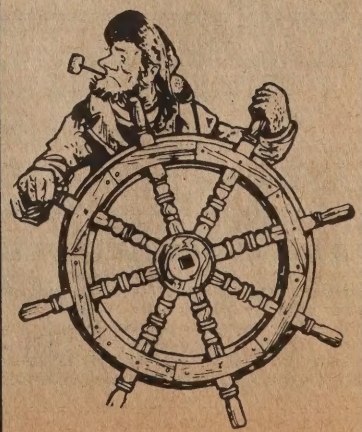
TEMPURA BATTER

1 cup wholewheat flour
¼ tsp salt
1 tsp cornstarch
1 ¼ cups cold water

Cut the fillets of fish into bite size pieces. Mix the batter adding the dry ingredients slowly to make a smooth mixture.

In a heavy pan heat about 1 to 2 inches of sesame oil until a drop of water will sizzle (about 370°). Dip the fish pieces into the batter and then fry until golden brown and crisp.

Tempura should be served a few pieces at a time, as soon as cooked, on a hot bed of rice. Thinly sliced snow peas, asparagus tips, watercress, carrots and cucumbers should be served with the fish, and also dipped in the tempura batter and fried in the sesame oil.



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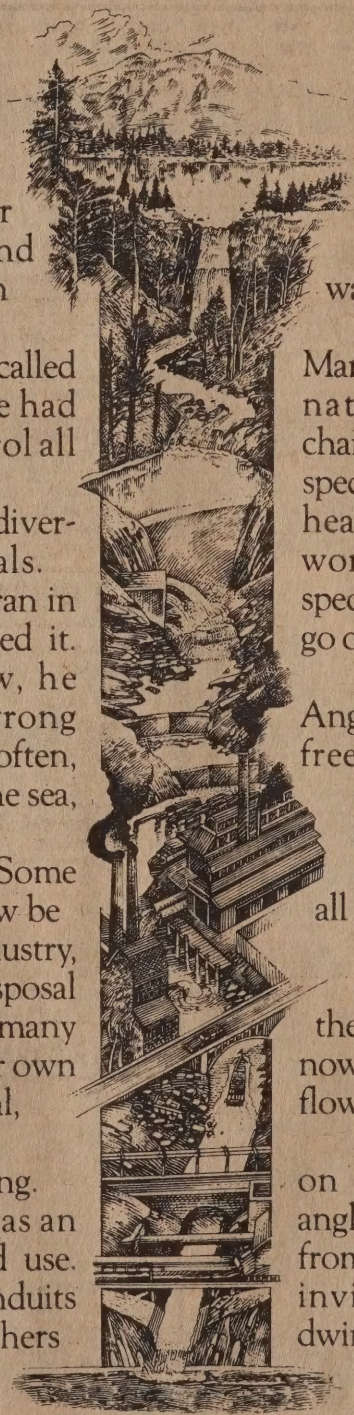

Not so long ago most of the water that fell on our continent ran downhill and back to the ocean, from which it came.

No more. Modern man called that "wasting to the sea." He had other ideas. He would control all that free-running water.

He built dams, dikes, and diversions; levees, locks and canals. Where water inconveniently ran in crooked courses, he channeled it. Where it ran too shallow, he dredged. Where it ran the wrong way, he turned it around. And often, where he did let it return to the sea, he filled it with wastes.

Up to a point it worked. Some of America's waters could now be used for irrigation, cities, industry, power generation, sewage disposal and transportation. And still many of our waters were left to their own devices, providing their natural, less tangible benefits to man.

But then the balance swung.

In many places there was an overkill of manipulation and use. Lakes died. Rivers became conduits of sewage and toxic wastes; others were turned into a series of still ponds. Magnificent streams and awesome canyons were drowned. Fresh waters turned salty.

Fish are among the casualties. Many of them chemically contaminated. Much of their habitat changed—fouled and stilled. Those special conditions necessary for the health and propagation of our worthiest sport and commercial species, gone. As our waters go, so go our fisheries.

The American League of Anglers believes that natural and free-flowing waterways are more than pleasant amenities for fishermen. Their ecological health is essential to man as well as to all forms of wildlife.

We are committed to preserving a proper balance between the need for water manipulation now and the desire for pure, free-flowing waters forever.

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HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR.	11:21	11:21	–	12:10	–	12:17	12:23	1:03	2:14	2:50	2:17	2:46	11:17	11:30	6/28
FRI.	–	12:04	12:21	12:53	12:17	12:59	1:05	1:48	2:46	3:18	2:58	3:27	–	12:01	6/29
SAT.	12:04	12:49	1:03	1:40	12:57	1:41	1:53	2:38	3:23	3:57	3:40	4:12	12:15	12:50	6/30
SUN.	12:45	1:33	1:48	2:28	1:34	2:22	2:42	3:28	4:08	4:39	4:26	4:57	1:02	1:39	7/1
MON.	1:31	2:21	2:36	3:20	2:14	3:04	3:34	4:17	4:55	5:27	5:15	5:45	1:53	2:30	7/2
TUE.	2:21	3:13	3:29	4:11	2:57	3:50	4:30	5:07	5:46	6:15	6:07	6:36	2:48	3:22	7/3
WED.	3:19	4:08	4:23	5:04	3:50	4:43	5:23	5:53	6:42	7:09	7:03	7:28	3:43	4:15	7/4
THUR.	4:21	5:06	5:18	5:53	4:54	5:39	6:16	6:40	7:41	8:02	7:56	8:21	4:36	5:07	7/5

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	— 0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	— 0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	— 0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	— 0 12
Seaside Park	— 0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	— 0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	— 0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	— 0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	— 0 02
Rehoboth Beach	— 0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	— 0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	— 0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	— 0 38
Democrat Point	— 0 38
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Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
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Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	— 0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	— 0 08
Herod Point	— 0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	— 0 20
Truman Beach	— 0 42
Falkner Island	— 0 13
Sachem Head	— 0 10
Branford Harbor	— 0 07
New Haven Harbor	— 0 08
Milford Harbor	— 0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	— 0 03
Saugatuck River	— 0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	— 0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	— 0 14
Montauk Inlet	— 0 25
Montauk Point	— 1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	— 0 33
Noank, Mystic River	— 0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	— 0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	— 0 10
Execution Light	— 0 06
Manhasset Bay	— 0 01
Hempstead Harbor	— 0 11
City Island	— 0 03
Rye Beach	— 0 28
Port Chester	— 0 09
Mamaroneck	— 0 08
New Rochelle	— 0 24
Davids Island	— 0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	— 0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	— 0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	— 0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	— 0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	— 0 08
Point Judith Harbor	— 0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	— 0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

7/5	5:30	8:39
7/10	5:33	8:37
7/15	5:37	8:34
7/20	5:41	8:31
7/25	5:46	8:26
7/30	5:51	8:22

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
7/24	7/2	7/9	7/16

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	8:25	2:35	8:45	3:00
Fri.	9:15	3:25	9:35	3:45
Sat.	10:00	4:10	10:20	4:30
Sun.	10:45	4:55	11:05	5:20
Mon.	11:35	5:45	11:55	6:05
Tues.	—	6:25	12:20	6:45
Wed.	12:35	7:05	12:55	7:25
Thurs.	1:15	7:45	1:40	8:10

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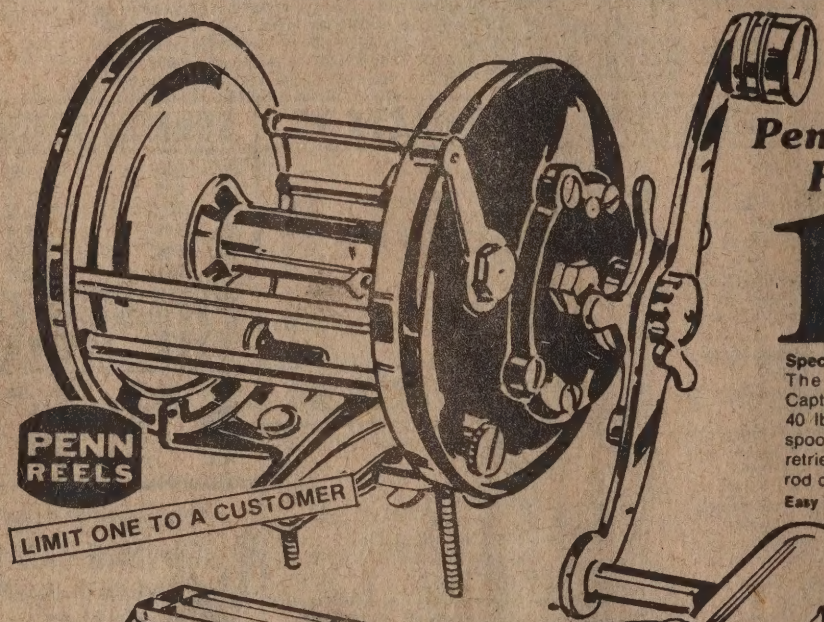

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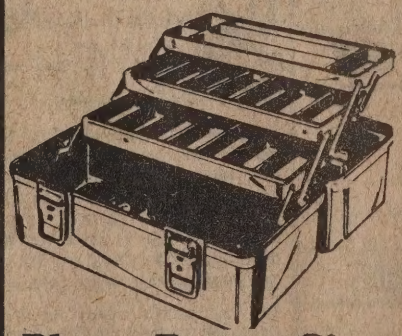

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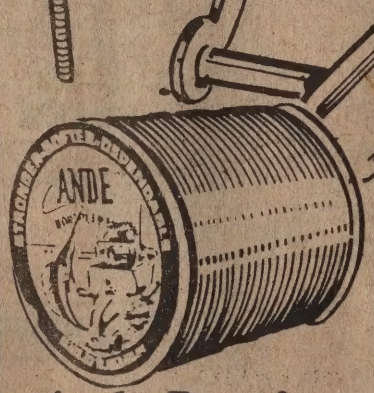

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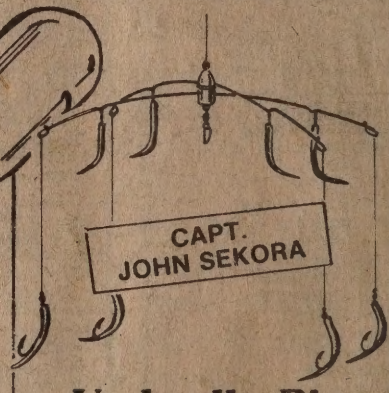

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